



Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Mr. President,

Transparency reporting is one of the essential tools that enables States Parties to monitor the implementation of obligations under the Convention and will contribute to achieving our shared goals.

The Netherlands is concerned that still not all States Parties have submitted an initial transparency report for the Convention and that only an average of 60% of the States Parties provide their annual updated transparency report. Some States Parties even never have submitted their initial report, which is due 180 days after entry into force for any State Party.

The Netherlands would like to stress that all States Parties should adhere to the obligation under Article 7 of the Convention and submit their initial and yearly reports in due time. Moreover, the Article 7 reports provide important information and input to the work of the thematic coordinators, the Presidency and Implementation Support Unit. Thereby, contributing to the successful implementation and implementation support of the Convention.

Therefore, we support the proposal included in the draft of the Lausanne Action Plan, to update the reporting forms in line with the Action Plan and to find ways that help States Parties to complete their national reports more easily. The Netherlands is open to consider ways in which we can improve both the quality and quantity of reporting. We would welcome any proposals to this end. We sincerely hope that this will be an extra encouragement for States Parties to submit their transparency reports.

In light of the importance of the reporting, the Netherlands is of the view that the coordination committee needs to have sufficient resources to continue work on this topic. One option would be to merge both the tasks and number of coordinators of the Working Group on the General Status and Operation of the Convention and Article 7 reporting, to create a three person-working group.

Thank you, Mr. President.