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Implementation Support Unit: funding models

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Mr. Cochair

We would like to commend our President on the efficient and transparent way he has been implementing the decisions of the 10MSP in regard to the ISU and congratulate him for reaching a consensus on the agreement

We are indeed grateful to all State Parties for their resolve to update, and improve the implementation architecture of this convention.

With the green light for the new agreement, we should now, on the basis of this momentum make a collective effort to find as soon as possible a more sustainable solution for the financing of this important endeavour. and we would like to call upon all State Parties to show the same flexible spirit so we can reach a solution here as well.

Let me at this state emphasise once again that Switzerland is generally very satisfied with the implementation mechanisms of this convention. We will therefore remain a key supporter of the ISU and the GICHD, both relying on highly skilled and competent and professional staff and management.

Discussion in recent months have confirmed that there is a high demand for the range of services the ISU provides to State Parties and that there is a very high satisfaction with the quality of these services. Therefore, it is our common duty to find a suitable and particularly sustainable funding model for the ISU.

We would also like to underline that we consider a hybrid model, where the general implementation support functions of the ISU are funded by assessed contributions while additional activities are funded by voluntary contributions a solid basis for further discussions (the Directive of the 10 MSP is the main guideline in this regard). We are looking forward to further discussing this hybrid financial model in the coming weeks and months and start working on concrete numbers and timelines. of course, for Switzerland, as the host, we will show as much flexibility we can show, but we have existing legal situation that has given the framework for the setup we have confirmed at the 10MSP and again, a moment ago.

We call upon all States Parties to continue to actively contribute to the discussions in a flexible manner, with the overall goal of implementing the norms of our convention as the first priority.... and to commonly aim for a consensual proposal for the 11 MSP, which provides for more predictability and more equitable burden sharing in support of the ISU.

Mr. President,

Switzerland thanks you again for all your efforts in this matter and assures you that as one of the main donors of the ISU (and of the GICHD) we stand ready to continue to support you substantially in this matter.

Thank you.