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**INTERVENTION BY THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA  
ON FINANCIAL ISSUES**

Thank you Chairperson.

Croatia fully subscribes to the statement of the European Union on the financial situation of the Convention and would like to add the following remarks from the national position.

We deeply appreciate concrete efforts conducted by both the Presidencies of Austria and Belgium aimed at resolving the protracted serious financial situation which is putting in danger the effective operation of the Convention. It is our firm belief that all States Parties should respect and fulfill their financial obligations in a timely and efficient manner as this is the only way to continue pursuing our objectives.

Croatia was pleased to be able to contribute both to the work of the ISU and to the Sponsorship Program (in the past years) which we see as a valuable tool to promote the goals of the Convention and assist its effective implementation. Our guiding principle is that even the most modest amount serves its purposes and showcases clear political will to ensure full national ownership of the APMBC.

In order to secure full and unimpeded implementation of obligations set by the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC), we believe that our community should further demonstrate the political will and mobilize resources in the bid to achieve clear and tangible results, thus safeguarding financial sustainability and stability of the Convention.

In that sense, we see your proposal, Mr. President, on the opportunities for cost-savings through cooperation between different ISUs, as a welcome step in the right direction.

Thank you.