



**17<sup>th</sup> MSP to the Ottawa Convention**  
**Statement**  
**Transparency**  
**Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior**

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**17<sup>ème</sup> Assemblée des États Parties à la Convention**  
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**Déclaration**  
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Madam President,

The discussions we had today emphasise once again the importance of transparency as it contributes to ensuring confidence among States Parties, advancing the objectives of the Convention, and increasing efficiency and effectiveness of implementation.

None of the Committees under the Convention would be in a position to deliver on its mandate, if the necessary transparency by States Parties were not forthcoming. Notably, the discussion held under the segment dedicated to cooperation and assistance has shown that without an appropriate exchange of information, especially related to needs and challenges, the Committee's objectives cannot be achieved.

As many other States Parties, Switzerland uses the Guide to Reporting adopted at the 14<sup>th</sup> MSP in preparing its yearly report. As it stands, the Guide is a very valuable tool and we encourage all States Parties to make the best use of it in the elaboration of their article 7 reports. We also encourage States Parties to use transparency reports to indicate the challenges they face and needs they have regarding the implementation of core obligations.

Concerning the process of reporting, Switzerland would like to thank the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for their innovative idea of creating an online tool for Article 7 reporting, that would build on the existing guide and templates. An online tool would facilitate the work of those in charge, both at the national level, making sure all relevant data is included in the report, and at the ISU level. Switzerland is aware it may raise questions of management and access. For that reason, further discussions should be conducted to establish how concretely an online tool would best facilitate reporting and enhance cooperation.

We would also like to emphasise that more than half the membership does not comply with its article 7 obligations. Of the 161 States Parties that were required to provide transparency information, only 76 have submitted a report in 2018. In that regard, we would like to recall that all States Parties are obligated to submit transparency reports and that the assistance of the ISU can be requested.

Thank you, Madam President.