

Statement by the Delegation of Thailand

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Agenda 10 (h) (i): Implementation Support - Report on the activities, functioning and finances of the ISU and presentation of a work plan and a budget for the 2017 activities of the ISU

Madam~~r~~. President,

The adoption of the ISU's 4-year work plan and the Decision on Strengthening Financial Governance and Transparency within the Implementation Support Unit at the last Meeting of States Parties in Geneva has led to increased effectiveness and efficiency, helping to improve the management, transparency, accountability and conduct of the ISU, particularly through its periodic reporting to the Coordinating Committee.

Despite limited resources, both human and financial, the ISU has succeeded in providing the necessary technical and advisory support to State Parties, helping them to fulfill their obligations under the Convention, as well as in supporting all Committees' activities in line with its work plan.

For these reasons, the Thai delegation wishes to express our sincere appreciation to the Director of the ISU and his team. We also welcome its new staff member and given his solid background, we believe he will be able to contribute much to the work of the ISU.

Bearing in mind that the ISU is solely supported by voluntary contributions, the Pledging Conference organized earlier this year was timely and a great success, resulting in a surplus for the 2016 budget. We thank the Chilean Presidency's leadership on the matter.

The financial outlook of the ISU is now much more sustainable though much still depends on all support of States Parties. Here, we wish to once again encourage all States Parties to demonstrate ownership of the Convention and consider allocating multi-year voluntary contributions to the ISU. On Thailand's part, we will continue to contribute annually for the next three years so as to support the ISU to conduct its work in line with the work plan adopted.

Thank you.

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