Mr President,

Thank you for this opportunity to call the attention on the status of assessed contributions payable under Article 14 of the Convention.

You will recall that pursuant to Article 14 the costs of the meetings of the States Parties "**shall be borne by the States Parties and States not parties to this Convention participating therein, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately**".

Failure to meet these financial obligations represents a non-compliance with the treaty. Leaving aside the budget for the current funding year (which has still not concluded),

- **57** States parties are in no-compliance with their art.14 obligations,
- **28** States parties have outstanding contributions for two or more years
- **One** State party never paid its assessed contributions.

As of today the structural deficit for the past meetings (including last year) amounts to some US$ **102,103.51.**

Turning now to the current 2022 budget, the situation is as follows:

The cost estimate for **2022** amount to: **US$ 572,400.00 = US$497,700.00** (core budget) **+ US$74,700.00** (15% contingency).

Contributions received so far to the 2022 budget **US$ 516,041.00**

Collection rate: **90%**

We are still facing a 2022 deficit of US$ **56,359.00**

The outstanding contribution details are available on the financial dashboard and updated monthly.

I take this opportunity to remind you that in accordance with the UN Financial Rules and Regulations, the costs of the activities which are not funded from the United Nations Regular Budget, must be available in advance of the incurring expenditures. Failure to do so results in the impossibility for the UN to provide the necessary support and services.

I would also like to take this opportunity to appeal to all States that have not yet done so to pay as soon as possible and in full their financial obligations to the budget of the Convention. This office stands ready to support you in your efforts to address the financial difficulties of the Convention.

THANK YOU!