



**Statement delivered by The HALO Trust under agenda item 4. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation**

Thank you Chair.

HALO stands with Ukraine, and our colleagues and friends. HALO has over 700 colleagues in Ukraine, with plans to double that over the next twelve months. Their work saves lives and is a vital precursor to reconstruction.

HALO is pleased to be participating in a High Level Panel at this week's Ukraine Reconstruction Conference held in London. We are grateful for the partnership with the Government of Ukraine and also the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and the Department for Business and Trade.

We note and acknowledge the important statements made by our civil society colleagues, as well as their role and contribution to the work of this Convention. The Convention would not be as strong as it is without them, nor would it fulfil its vital role in preventing humanitarian suffering and indiscriminate harm.

We recall that mutual accountability and transparency is the basis of this Convention and we are sure that Ukraine will take on board the feedback from our Civil Society colleagues.

Thank you.