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Agenda item 11 Consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention

c) Cooperation and Assistance: Conclusions and recommendations related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

Statement Austria

Austria fully aligns itself with the Statement on Cooperation and Assistance of the representative of the European Union delivered earlier in this debate. Let me offer a few additional remarks from a national perspective.

International Cooperation and Assistance is indispensable for the success of the Convention. For many States Parties, national implementation is a challenge which they cannot cope with using only their own resources. The Maputo Action Plan emphasizes that successful international cooperation and assistance should be a sustained partnership based on national commitment and ownership of the receiving side, and targeted support by the donor on the other.

We thank the Chair of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for the presentation of conclusions and recommendations related to the Committee's mandate that we have just heard. Austria welcomes the continued effort and engagement of the committee to pursue the individualized approach. The first Meetings with Croatia, thus Sudan have proved very useful to clearly identify needs and challenges as well as opportunities and thus to increase efficacy. Our Convention is born out of a cooperative spirit and the individualized approach is following the same practice of sharing national experiences and good practices, resources, technology and expertise to better implement the Convention.