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**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE CONVENTION**

Thank you Madam President.

Croatia fully subscribes to the statement of the European Union on the financial situation of the Convention and would like to add the following remarks from the national position.

We deeply appreciate concerted efforts undertaken by the current Presidency of Afghanistan and by the previous Presidencies of Austria and Belgium aimed at safeguarding financial sustainability and stability of the Convention.

Croatia is of the opinion that it is symbolically important, regardless of the amount due, for each State Party to comply with its financial obligations in a timely and efficient manner, as this shows clear political will to ensure full national ownership of the Convention.

We were pleased to be able to contribute both to the work of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) and to the Sponsorship Program which we see as a valuable tool to promote the goals of the Convention and assist its effective implementation.

In this regard, we commend the overall work and activities conducted by the ISU, which has constantly shown firm dedication to the humane cause of this Convention.

Thank you.