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DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR MEETING OF 23 FEBRUARY 2024

Annex: introductory paper of the WGTR co-chairs[1]

Opening and adoption of the draft annotated agenda

Under this agenda item, delegations will have the opportunity to share remarks about this draft annotated agenda and to propose additional agenda items under AOB.

1. State of play of compliance with reporting obligations and challenges concerning reporting

*Under this agenda item, the ATT Secretariat will give **a general overview of the reporting status**, and of the progress that has been made in comparison to the previous status update.*

*Subsequently, States Parties that have accepted an invitation to do so will give presentations about the **challenges they face to submitting annual reports**, the measures they have taken to overcome those challenges and/or the processes they have put in place to collect, consolidate and transmit the relevant information. After these presentations, delegations will have the opportunity to engage with the presenting States Parties about their practices and challenges, inter alia about possibilities for international cooperation and assistance in response to the challenges or constraints that were raised.*

*Following these exchanges, the WGTR will address **means to support States Parties in addressing their reporting challenges**. The co-chairs will first invite the ATT Secretariat to briefly update the WGTR about the new **reporting capacity-building project** made possible through the EU support. After this, the co-chairs will invite Côte D'Ivoire to report on the **VTF-funded reporting capacity-building workshop** which it hosted in November 2023 for ECOWAS Member States. Following these interventions, the co-chairs will give States Parties, civil society and regional organizations the opportunity to brief delegations about any **information sessions or promotional events on reporting** they have held, and about any other initiative focused on enhancing compliance with the reporting obligations.*

*Lastly under this agenda item, the co-chairs will invite the ATT Secretariat to briefly report on the status of the **project of voluntary practical bilateral and regional assistance with reporting** (peer-to-peer) and the regional champions initiative.*

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[1] The introductory paper explains the background of the tasks given to the WGTR, summarizes past proposals and discussions, sets out elements for discussion and puts forward a number of proposals for consideration to delegations. This should ensure a structured and effective discussion during the meeting.

2. Substantive reporting and transparency issues under article 13 of the ATT

*Under this agenda item, delegations will have the opportunity to exchange practices, challenges and limitations concerning substantive issues about the reporting obligations that could benefit from consideration by the WGTR, and to share national implementation practices about the **public availability** of annual and initial reports, **aggregation of data** and **synergies with other reporting obligations**.*

*Subsequently, the WGTR will consider submitted proposals for alterations or additional questions and answers for the **'FAQ'-type guidance document on the annual reporting obligation**.[2]*

3. Transparency issues and information exchange

*Under this agenda item, delegations will have the general opportunity to propose and discuss any structured mechanisms, processes or formats facilitating the **information exchanges that are required or encouraged by the Treaty**, both on the policy level, as well as on the operational level.*

*Concerning the **Information Exchange Platform on the ATT website** and the **online reporting functionality**, delegations will first be invited to share their views on how the use of the Information Exchange Platform could be enhanced. Subsequently, the co-chairs will invite States Parties to share their views on the limited use of the online reporting tool and whether any steps could be taken to increase its use.*

*Concerning **mechanisms, processes or formats to consolidate information from the initial and annual reports in a manner that allows follow-up on these reports**, the co-chairs will invite delegations to propose and discuss any proposal.*

4. WGTR mandate in the period between CSP10 and CSP11

*Under this agenda item, the co-chairs will invite delegations to share their views on both the **draft multi-year workplan for the structured discussions on national implementation practices** in the WGTR, as well as the **draft WGTR mandate** for the period between CSP10 and CSP11.*

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[2] This item will only be addressed if any proposals are submitted to the co-chairs and the ATT Secretariat, or via the information exchange platform, by 09 February 2024.