

*Mr. President,*

*Germany fully aligns itself with the statement presented by the European Union and would like to add some comments in its national capacity.*

*Germany would like to commend the Management Committee and the Japanese Presidency for their working paper on outstanding financial contributions.*

*We fully support the recommendations outlined in this document, yet, we are hopeful that States Parties will meet their obligations in due time, thus, rendering further discussion of the issue obsolete.*

*Mr. President,*

*We are very concerned about the fact that outstanding financial contributions*

*threaten to impede the functioning of the ATT due to insufficient budget funds. We cannot allow arrears to obstruct the work of the ATT secretariat or have negative implications on the Conference of States Parties. We have, unfortunately, already had negative experiences in that regard in other Conventions, such as the Conventional Weapons Convention (CCW). Due to the lack of liquidity caused by arrears in States Parties contributions, staff contracts of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) could not be extended, thus resulting in dissolving the CCW ISU.*

*Therefore, Germany calls on all States Parties to meet their obligations in due time for the benefit all States Parties to the ATT.*

*Thank you, Mr. President.*