CSP4 Treaty Implementation: UK Statement

Mr President

I would like to support the statement made on behalf of the European Union and its Member States and offer a few comments in a national capacity.

I commend Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior of Switzerland and the facilitators of the three sub-working groups for their presentations this morning, and for their excellent work they have undertaken to drive forward discussions on ATT implementation. The UK welcomes the report of the working group and sub groups and agrees on the need for further work on these topics, and the recommendations you have made. Echo comments made by others on the need to keep these living documents alive and relevant. We support continuing the mandate of the Groups.

The Working Group has rightly highlighted that there is no 'one size fits all' route to implementation. Each country will need to develop its own solutions that are manageable within their resources and compatible with their existing legal systems. However, we recognise that many countries face very real practical implementation challenges. We see the VTF's work as key to supporting this too.

Looking ahead, we feel the following particular areas merit particular and continued focus:

- capturing national implementation experiences.

- Developing a repository of best practise guides, tools and templates, providing a 'one stop shop' for both existing and aspiring States.

- strengthening policy level exchanges, for example by securing participation of technical and policy experts from capitals at existing meetings

- encouraging States Parties to strengthen regional dialogue with others who may be facing similar challenges to them

- and finally, it is important to make best use of partnerships, experience and information across the spectrum, including both civil society and industry.

We look forward to a fruitful discussion in this session, which will establish clear objectives and deliverables on Treaty Implementation for the working groups, towards CSP5 and beyond.