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The Philippines fully supports the draft multi-year workplan topics and the accompanying list of practical questions. We believe that these elements will significantly contribute to providing practical implementation guidance to State Parties.

We would also like to draw attention to a concern regarding the potential overlap on the voluntary guide developed by the sub-working group on Articles 6 and 7 and with the risk assessment topic under the multi-year workplan. To address this issue and ensure a cohesive approach, we propose a harmonization of these two efforts, thereby avoiding any redundancy and multiple documents to be referred to.





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In addition, the Philippines views that the effective implementation of the Treaty entails a whole-of-government approach and involves the commitment of relevant agencies. Hence, we recommend that the proposed topics be enriched with more specific questions pertaining to the procedure for interagency coordination and/or the steps in the establishment of a mechanism to promote such. Specifically, we suggest incorporating inquiries related to information exchange mechanisms among relevant agencies as this will provide a well-defined framework for such coordination which is essential for the effective implementation of the Treaty.

Lastly, we would like to underscore the significance of international cooperation and assistance, especially for countries like the Philippines that are in the early stages of implementing the ATT. Given our status, we seek support and assistance to navigate and effectively fulfill our obligations under the ATT.