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Statement Austria

Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

Let me start by thanking the Chair of the Committee on Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for the presentation and preliminary observations related to the Committee's mandate. Further Austria wishes to express its appreciation to the Committee on Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance for their continued commitment and excellent work.

Austria fully aligns itself with the Statement of the European Union on Cooperation and Assistance (to be) delivered earlier (later) in this debate. Let me offer a few additional remarks from a national perspective.

International Cooperation and Assistance is indispensable for the success of the Convention. For many States Parties, national implementation is a challenge which they cannot cope with using only their own resources.

The Maputo Action Plan rightly encourages States Parties to make better use of the potential for regional and multilateral cooperation, including South-South cooperation, and comprising non-financial support such as sharing national experiences and good practices, resources, technology and expertise to implement the Convention.

In this regard the individualised approach makes an important contribution, by helping to identify and better understand the needs and challenges faced by each of the affected States on the one hand, and to ensure effective and sustainable assistance on the other hand. We welcome the implementation meeting of this approach taking place in the margins of the intersessionals and hope to build on the lessons learnt from this meeting for future cooperation.

Thank you.