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INTERVENTION BY THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ON THE ACTIVITIES AND FINANCES OF THE ISU

Thank you Madam President.

We deeply appreciate concrete efforts conducted by the current Presidency of Afghanistan and by the previous Presidencies of Austria and Belgium aimed at safeguarding financial sustainability and stability of the Convention. It is our firm belief that all States Parties should respect and fulfill their financial obligations in a timely and efficient manner, as this is the only way to continue pursuing our objectives.

In this regard, we commend the overall work and activities conducted by the Implementation Support Unit (ISU), its Director and the entire staff who have constantly shown firm dedication to the humane cause of this Convention.

Croatia was pleased to be able to contribute both to the work of the ISU and to the Sponsorship Program (in the past years) which we see as a valuable tool to promote the goals of the Convention and assist its effective implementation. Our guiding principle is that even the most modest amount serves its purpose and showcases clear political will to ensure full national ownership of the APMBC in the bid to achieve clear and tangible results.

Thank you.