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Statement of the Greek Delegation

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Thank you Mr. President,

I would like to first of all thank Ambassador Echey for her excellent work as chairman of the ISU Task Force.

Mr. President

The convention is a living body which evolves and which becomes more demanding for its member States-Parties. This simultaneously means that the role of the ISU becomes all the more important and invaluable.

As Co-Chair for mine clearance during the past year we had a firsthand experience of the professionalism and dedication of the ISU staff.

We hence believe that it would be a contradiction for member-states to ask of the ISU to do more and at the same time depriving it of the means to achieve this.

In this respect and despite the severe financial difficulties which we are facing at present, we announce that we will make a symbolic voluntary contribution to the ISU Trust Fund in 2011.

Finally, we align ourselves fully with previous speakers who supported the ISU Task Force Report and Recommendations and we reiterate our full support to your efforts to bridge the various views heard today and to reach consensus.