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**CONSIDERATION OF THE ORGANISATION OF THE ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES**

President of the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties

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On the basis of 11MSP decisions, the Coordinating Committee at its meetings in the first half of 2012 gave consideration to the organisation of the annual Meetings of the States Parties.

The main conclusion drawn by the Coordinating Committee was that there is general satisfaction with how Meetings of the States Parties are currently organised.

It was agreed that while some improvements could be made, revolutionary change was not required.

Indeed, in many respects, this Convention's Meetings of the States Parties are the model that could be replicated elsewhere.

In seeing no need to recommend changes regarding how Meetings of the States Parties are organised, we did note the importance of periodically assessing how the Convention's formal and informal meetings are supporting the implementation process to the greatest extent possible.

In fact, the flexibility that has been demonstrated since 1999 with respect to how our meetings have organized shows that we are capable of adapting to changing circumstances.