

## Statement of Germany – Management Committee - CSP9

Madam President,

On behalf of the German delegation, I would like to thank you and the members of the Management Committee for the review of the ATT's programme of work and the proposed recommendations.

In our view, the introduction to the paper put forward by the ATT Management Committee captures the discussion at PrepCom 2 very well. In particular, it correctly highlights the "form-follows-function-principle" – in other words, the idea that the discussion on the structure and format of the working groups should not precede the discussion on the working groups' substantive focus, including clarity on expected outcomes.

We also agree with the proposal's focus on practical treaty implementation and support the general configuration of the working groups as presented. However, we are of the opinion that the recommendations presented by the ATT Management Committee do not fully take into account the revised ATT universalization and implementation objectives currently under discussion. Therefore, Germany agrees with the Management Committee that the proposal does not constitute a final product and supports the idea of continuing the discussion during the CSP10 cycle.

In summary, Germany can support the proposal – including the pragmatic recommendation to amend the sequence of meetings on a trial basis.

To conclude, Madam President, please allow me to lay out four recommendations for a possible new mandate for the Management Committee.

In our opinion, the Committee should:

- 1) Continue to explore the linkages between universalization, implementation and reporting objectives;
- 2) Prepare an assessment of the role of the ATT's internal support mechanisms such as the VTF within the new ATT programme of work;
- 3) Prepare a first evaluation of the proposed working methods with reduced in-person and virtual meeting times and their effects on the substantive work of the ATT; and

4) prepare a proposal on the inclusion of informal consultations as part of the intersessional work of the CSP.

In our view, CSP9 should mandate the Management Committee accordingly. Germany is committed to supporting this important process.

Thank you, Madam President.