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by

Delegation of Germany

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Transparency and Reporting

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Mr. President,

Germany aligns itself with the previous statement of the EU.

We like to thank the two Co-Chairs, Ambassador Beijer and Mr. Michel, for their able stewardship of the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting in the sessions leading up to CSP3. Germany commends all participants for the numerous deliverables that have been prepared for this week. We also thank the Secretariat for its presentation on the status of reporting.

Transparent reporting is crucial to us in our national and EU practice and something we would like to see further strengthened at the ATT level. We firmly believe that transparent reporting is essential for the Treaty's credibility. We welcome that the majority of annual reports for 2016 have been submitted and ask all State Parties that have not yet done so to follow suit and fulfill their Treaty obligations.

In this regard, Germany greatly appreciates the effort led by Belgium to produce a written guidance on mandatory ATT reporting as well as the document authored by Sweden on national measures to facilitate compliance with different international reporting obligations. Practical advice like this is key to helping State Parties better fulfill their mandatory reporting requirements.

We also recognize the progress made in the development of more structured means for exchanging information on treaty issues. We welcome Mexico's initiative to improve collaboration and exchange on diversion-related matters and look forward to making good use of the new system of national Points of Contact. Germany equally thanks the Secretariat for its ongoing efforts to improve the ATT's IT platform for purposes of transparency and reporting.

Mr. President, we are pleased and encouraged by the fruitful work carried out in this Working Group so far and endorse its proposed mandate for the next year.

Thank you very much.