

## **Netherlands on Reporting**

Thank you mister chair.

The Netherlands would like to thank the Swedish ambassador, Paul Beijer, for his considerable efforts on the reporting templates. We are fully aware of the fact that the Ambassador has already been acting as facilitator since the beginning of this topic. The Netherlands believes that both the initial report as well as the annual report are of sufficient quality and should be adopted by the Conference of States Parties for the use by States Parties. The biggest benefit of adopting these templates is the enhancement of reporting transparency, which is crucial for the success of the Treaty.

Furthermore, the NL thinks it is important that the reporting templates will be translated into the official languages of the Treaty, as long as there is an indication that those translations will be used.

With respect to the issues of reporting deadlines for the initial report and the first annual report, the Netherlands agrees with the conclusions mentioned in document ATT/CSP2/2016/WP.5.

Given the very significant importance of transparency to the ATT the Netherlands is of the opinion that establishing a Working Group on transparency issues would be a logical step.

Thank you mister chair.