

## CSP5: Treaty Implementation: UK Statement

Mr President,

I would like to support the statement made on behalf of the European Union and its Member States and offer a few remarks in a national capacity.

I commend Switzerland as chair of the Working Group, and the facilitators of the three sub-working groups for their excellent work in advancing discussions on implementation of the ATT. **The UK welcomes the report of the working group and sub-groups and agrees on the need for further work on the practical implementation of the Treaty**, in particular the multi-year work-plan on the implementation of Article 11. We welcome the efforts made to further refine the Voluntary Basic Guide.

The Working Group has highlighted on many occasions that implementation of the ATT looks different for each State Party. **There is no one-size-fits-all approach.** Each state will face its own challenges, and tailored solutions must be developed according to availability of resources and existing legal systems. In this regard, it is important that the **guidance documents developed by the Working Groups are voluntary, living documents**, suitable for the status of implementation across all States Parties. Many states face very real practical implementation challenges, and we would highlight that the work of the VTF is key in supporting this.

The UK continues to **encourage cooperation between and within the working groups**, to ensure that we capitalise on opportunities for collaboration and continue to add value. We also suggest that going forward, we might collectively work towards a more inclusive and iterative drafting process. This will help ensure fruitful discussions in plenary sessions and allow full participation of all interested State Parties.

We look forward to supporting further work to establish clear objectives and deliverables on Treaty Implementation.

Thank you, Mr President.