

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

## **Agenda Item 8: Transparency and Reporting**

Mr. Chair,

The State of Palestine expresses its recognition and gratitude for the substantial efforts you have put forth. Your unwavering dedication continues to pave the way towards enhancing transparency in reporting.

The State of Palestine is deeply concerned by the ongoing decline in reporting rates, as its continuation would considerably impede the progress of our work on the ATT. It is noteworthy that positive progress has been made, with several states parties submitting multiple annual reports at the same time to clear their backlog. However, we strongly urge all states parties to fulfill their treaty obligations and promptly submit both their initial and annual reports on time. We firmly believe that transparency in this regard is crucial for building confidence among states, thereby contributing to international and regional peace, security, and stability.

The State of Palestine emphasizes once again the significance of reporting as a fundamental tool for promoting transparency. It is essential that while reporting on implementation, states parties present accurate and comprehensive data. Lastly, the State of Palestine extends its support for the voluntary regional reporting champions initiative and expresses its hope that the ATT secretariat will further develop this project.