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Madame President,

The Philippines thanks the Chair of the Working Group on Transparency and Reporting and the ATT Secretariat for their reports and practical efforts to support States Parties.

The Philippines considers that transparency is essential to building confidence in the Treaty and trust among States Parties. At the same time, our national experience shows that effective reporting depends on functioning national systems: clear institutional responsibilities, reliable records, consistent data definitions, secure information exchange, and sustained coordination among agencies. For many States, delays and gaps reflect capacity constraints, staff turnover, fragmented data, and competing administrative demands. These challenges call for accountability together with practical assistance.

Digitalization of relevant data and work processes can help improve the quality and timeliness of reporting. At present, however, this capability is not yet uniform across all competent authorities. The practical challenge then is to strengthen the national reporting arrangement so that data from different authorities can be consolidated, validated, and submitted in a timely manner. At the same time, a common understanding of the information required for ATT reporting remains an important capacity challenge.



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We therefore see value in capacity-building that goes beyond explaining the reporting template. Assistance could also help States establish or improve national reporting workflows, inter-agency data consolidation, digital recordkeeping, data validation, and the technical capacity needed to prepare complete and timely reports.

This is consistent with the Working Group's discussions, which identified challenges in consolidating information from different institutions and highlighted the value of integrated digital systems, inter-agency processes, and national reporting procedures.

The Philippines supports continued work to improve the quality, completeness, and timeliness of reports, while avoiding unnecessary duplication. Reporting tools should be accessible, user-oriented, secure, and interoperable, where feasible, with relevant national, regional, and international mechanisms. We support technical consultations on the online reporting tool and Information Exchange Platform, provided that they remain State Party-led, efficient, and attentive to confidentiality and resource implications.

We also support practical peer learning, targeted reporting assistance, and the use of reporting data to identify implementation gaps and assistance needs. Transparency should serve implementation. It should help authorities make better decisions, enable cooperation, and demonstrate that Treaty commitments produce measurable national and humanitarian value.

We stand ready to share lessons from our own inter-agency process and to learn from the experience of other States Parties.

Thank you, Madame President.