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Thank you, Madam President.

The United Kingdom thanks the ATT Secretariat, the Extended Bureau and all stakeholders for the considerable work undertaken over the past year to develop these proposed draft elements.

For the UK, the next phase must focus on implementation, monitoring and review. We should be clear from the outset how progress against agreed priorities will be measured, assessed and, where necessary, adjusted over time.

We see value in further work on indicators, baselines, reporting arrangements, and mid-term and end-of-cycle reviews. These should, wherever possible, be embedded within existing ATT processes, including the Working Groups, Dief and future CSPs. This should be viewed not as a one-off exercise, but as the beginning of an ongoing cycle of strategic planning, implementation and review. Everything we do should be grounded in a collective vision of success.

This work must also be conducted in a transparent, inclusive and consultative manner. We see an important role for ATT office holders and any Friends of the President mechanism in ensuring that the drafting process benefits from a broad range of expertise, experience and perspectives.

Whilst the process should be State Party-led, it must be shaped and delivered by the entire ATT community, including Signatories and other States, civil society, industry, international and regional organisations, academia and other stakeholders. Building consensus and broad ownership will be essential to developing a strategy that is practical, durable and capable of commanding support across the ATT community.

The United Kingdom remains fully committed to the strategy's successful development, and we will continue to engage with energy and openness. We encourage all States Parties and stakeholders to participate actively in this next phase so that, together, we can agree a practical strategy that strengthens implementation, supports universalisation and ensures the ATT remains effective, relevant and resilient for the years ahead.