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Mr. Coordinator

In closing this segment dedicated to Universalization, I would like to reiterate our gratitude to other members of the team, States Parties, the ICRC, UNDP and the CMC, for their tireless efforts to promote the Convention globally. It has been a good example of cooperation between States and the civil society.

We just listened this morning a comprehensive update from CMC, from which I take that progress has been made, but much remains to be done.

With that in mind, Portugal and Japan, as Co-ordinators for Universalization, will jointly approach States non party inviting them to join the Convention. We will also pursue the activities of the Universalization Team, as reported in the course of this session.

Finally, we would like to encourage all States Parties, regional organizations and civil society, to continue to be actively engaged in the promotion of the CCM. Universalization is a shared commitment .

Hopefully, when we meet again in Oslo, in September, we will be able to report that more States have joined or intend to join the CCM.

Thank you