

Mr. Chairman,
Dear Colleagues,

Since this is the first time I take the floor at this inter-sessional meeting, please allow me first of all to thank Zambia for its sustained efforts in continuing consultations on a funding model in view of the subsequent establishment of a definitive “Implementation Support Unit” (ISU), building on the work conducted by the President of the Third Meeting of States Parties (3MSP). I hope a solution can soon be found in this matter.

Moreover, I would like to thank the many other actors – for instance the UNDP, CMC and the ICRC – for their continuous support and for playing a crucial role in the implementation structures of the Convention.

However, time is now ripe to move ahead and edge closer to creating a definitive Implementation Support Unit. At the Lusaka Conference in September 2013, decisions regarding the creation of the definitive ISU were adopted by the States Parties to the Convention. The objective, as Luxembourg understands, is to conclude the establishment process of the definitive ISU by the Fifth Meeting of States Parties, in order to be able to help prepare the First Review Conference in 2015. This must remain our goal.

Hence, Luxembourg believes that the decision on establishing the definitive ISU should not be further delayed. According to the Lusaka Conference Final Document, the President of the Fourth Meeting of States Parties is mandated, **firstly**, “to conclude, in consultation with the States Parties, an agreement with the GICHD on the hosting of the ISU as rapidly as possible” – and I welcome the progress already achieved in this regard – and, **secondly**, “to decide, in a transparent way and in consultation with the Coordinators as well as in taking into account the views of all States Parties, on the recruitment of the Director”.

Luxembourg wishes to stress that the transition from the current interim solution to the definitive structure should move on speedily. As a consequence, Luxembourg would welcome that the necessary steps be taken without further delay so as to allow the transition to proceed at earliest convenience.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.