

## **Intervention by Ireland on the ISU 12 September 2012**

Thank you Mr. President, my delegation would, through you, like to thank the outgoing Lebanese Presidency for the tireless and creative efforts to come up with a model to allow the ISU to be established.

My delegation welcomes the open way in which Lebanon conducted the consultations and believe that those consultations have moved us further forward.

During the consultations, the importance of an ISU for the implementation of the Convention was highlighted by all delegations and building on this common ground, hope that we can make further progress under the Norwegian Presidency.

My delegation has made its preferred financial model known during the consultation period, but we are willing to explore further options for a viable and financially secure ISU, including the “hybrid model” suggested by the Lebanese Presidency.

My delegation considers that we have also developed a shared understanding of the need for an independent, efficient and effective ISU.

Look forward to further discussions during the Norwegian Presidency building on the work done by the Lebanese Presidency so that we can see the establishment of the ISU in the coming year. My delegation agrees that the mandate agreed in Beirut has served us well and would support its extension at this meeting.