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Implementation Support Unit

Statement by H.E. Mr. Gerard Corr, Ambassador of Ireland,

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Mr Chairman

As this is the first time that my delegation has taken the floor, I would first like to take the opportunity to warmly thank the Presidency for its hard work in preparing this week's Intersessional Meeting. Your leadership and energy are much appreciated. We have a full week before us, and I look forward to detailed, fruitful, friendly and informal consultations.

This issue is one of the more important ones before us this week is that of the establishment of the implementation support Unit. My delegation wishes to warmly welcome the Elements for a Draft Decision for the Hosting Agreement and Financing Model circulated in advance of this meeting by the President. I would like to express my appreciation for the hard work done and the presentation this morning.

Ireland strongly supports the creation of an ISU and hopes that we can find consensus this week on this decision so that the Hosting Agreement with the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining may be signed on behalf of the States Parties by the President of 3MSP in Oslo in September.

Many points have been made this morning with regard to financing and Ireland would have a preference for assessed contributions as this would best equip the ISU and ensure a reliable and consistent source of funding. Portugal mentioned the need for realism and I would suggest that this would be the best way forward but my delegation is prepared to look at alternative models.

We note the encouragement of States Parties in a position to do so contribute to the initial core costs of the ISU until the 2013 budget is approved. We are currently examining whether such a contribution might be possible and hope to be able to inform States Parties at or before the Oslo MSP.

Thank you, Mr Chairman