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Thank you Monsignor,

My delegation would like to compliment the Lebanese delegation for all its efforts and commitment in exploring all the possible models for an ISU.

Grenada supports the creation of an independent ISU. We believe that the success of the Convention will rest in the hands of an ISU that is efficient, transparent and sustainable.

Moreover, we believe that an ISU should be all inclusive, thereby, giving all States Parties, regardless of their economic status, a feeling of ownership and belongingness.

We are of the view that the sustainability of an ISU would be supported best by the model which calls for mandatory assessed contributions.

Never the less, one must be minded of the limited resources of Small Island developing States, like mine.

Further, one must also be cautious, that these mandatory contributions are not a deterring factor for small states who may be exploring the possibility of joining the Convention.

On the other hand, we believe that a model that is strictly based on voluntary contributions can place an unfair burden on some generous states. Such a model can also be unpredictable.

In conclusion, my delegation is very confident that with further consultation by the efficient Lebanese team, consensus will be reached on the best possible approach for funding an ISU. Whatever the outcome, we look forward to an effective, efficient, sustainable and all inclusive ISU.

Thank you.