

Having heard and acknowledged the broad spectrum of views and positions on the future ISU, both in plenary and throughout consultations, Lebanon finds it unfulfilling that the Chair considers any other option than the assessed financing model. It is crucial that the chosen model not only gets the full support of States Parties but that it also delivers a sustainable and practicable solution for an ISU and its financing. In other words we need to identify not only a model but to ensure that it is realistic and secures the necessary funding needed in order to actually establish an ISU, capable of providing long term solutions to issues pertaining to the universalization and implementation of the CCM. From Lebanon's perspective, this would only be achieved through the adoption of an assessed mechanism.

The need for a guaranteed financial basis to our work is particularly pertinent, when considering that for many States the tasks at hand are realistically achievable within the timeframes that have already been set out. With a concerted effort beginning from now, both in terms of coordination and funding, much of the implementation work that needs to be done on a national level can be realized within a relatively small amount of time. Tuesday's session on International Cooperation and Assistance inter alia has demonstrated this very point, as we have heard specific resource needs required for different States to make significant gains in realizing their obligations under the CCM.

At this stage it would also be important to highlight that securing contributions on a long-term basis is not only imperative as a practical measure, but that this also carries symbolic weight. Making a long-term commitment in terms of financing would provide the political buy-in that will be necessary to drive forward the work of this Convention. Even if a minimal amount is requested from those States that are less able to assist financially, securing a contribution from each State Party would be an important reflection of levels of commitment amongst the CCM member states to the universalization and implementation of the treaty.

Mr. Chairman,

Before I conclude, and within the spirit of openness and flexibility that Lebanon has always adhered to, and which the President and many other States have shown, I want to assure you of my country's readiness to consider a hybrid platform, should this guarantee achieving consensus,

I thank you.