

**CCM: Intersessional meeting, 16-19 April 2012**

**Implementation Support Unit**

**Statement by New Zealand**

Thank you Monsignor and may I, through you, express the sincere appreciation of my delegation to Lebanon for all of their efforts to take forward the decision reached at last year's Meeting of States Parties in Beirut regarding an ISU for the Convention.

We recognise that the funding model for the future ISU is an ongoing issue. For New Zealand's part, we hope that a funding structure for the ISU can be agreed which will be predictable, sustainable and promote a shared sense of ownership amongst States parties. For these reasons, our preference would be for the ISU to be funded by assessed contributions.

We recognise, however, that there is a divergence of views on the funding issues and that there is some support for a model based solely on voluntary contributions. With this in mind, a hybrid model – perhaps along the lines suggested – might represent a useful compromise. New Zealand would certainly be open to considering any proposal that would put the ISU – and therefore its support to States in implementing the Convention – on firm footing.

Like others, we see the establishment of an ISU as being integral to assisting States parties meet their obligations under the Convention and thus the full realisation of the Convention's objectives. We agree with points made by Ireland and others that as the membership of the Convention grows so will the need for an ISU. We therefore hope that matters pertaining to the ISU can be resolved swiftly and the ISU established in the very near future.