

**Ireland intervention**  
**CCM Intersessional – Art. 7 Transparency**

Thank you Chair.

First, allow me to thank Iraq as Coordinator on Transparency Measures, for the briefing on status of national reporting and challenges in the implementation of Article 7. We also welcome the opportunity to hold preliminary discussions on adapting Article 7 reporting forms to better reflect the actions found in the Lausanne Action Plan.

The LAP goes a long way in mainstreaming gender and diverse needs throughout the convention, and the associated commitments should be adequately reflected in the Article 7 reporting forms.

Currently, the reporting forms only consider gender in the context of victim assistance in Form H. The LAP, in addition to victim assistance, also includes gender & diverse needs actions and related indicators under survey and clearance, risk education, and international cooperation and assistance. Forms F, G, and I should be updated accordingly, in order to be able to assess progress made on the actions and indicators for gender & diverse needs.

Of course, progress can only be adequately assessed if Article 7 reports are updated annually. [insert latest stats provided by the presentation from Iraq] The persistent X% annual reporting rate is lamentable in this regard.

Article 7 reporting is a legal obligation for all States Parties. It should not be seen as a burden but a tool for effectively implementing the Convention. Further concerted effort must be made to have all States Parties submitting their initial reports, and to ensure that affected countries report annually on progress. Perhaps one of the most effective measures for ensuring that affected states report annually, as mentioned in Action 46 of the LAP, is for States Parties to seek assistance from relevant partners such as other States Parties, the ISU, UN agencies and civil society. Those in a position to do so should also consider to proactively share best practices in gathering information nationally.

Thank you Chair.