

*„Germany appreciate efforts by British presidency to provide additional financial flexibility to the Convention through the introduction of a contingency fee.*

*Germany is one of the biggest contributor to this convention. Due to budgetary regulations, particularly when the adoption of the annual budget is delayed, we are however not always able to pay our contributions in the very beginning of the financial year. We recognise the challenges associated with the planning of events and workshops in the beginning of the year when contributions arrive only later then the beginning of the year. If the contingency provision can help to bridge this period, we are certainly in favour of introducing it. Let us reiterate however that the introduction of a contingency provision certainly does not free any State Party from paying contributions in time and in full. Neither should any change to the financial rules of the convention lead to a situation where credits or debts are time-barred.”*