

Thank you Madame Chair,

I would like to provide this forum with a brief update on our ratification process, which is almost completed.

On the 23rd of May 2011 the Italian Parliament approved the final text of the ratification law which was signed by the President of the Italian Republic ten days ago. With the publication on the Official Journal, which is expected in these days, the ratification process at national level will be completed.

Therefore, we plan to deposit the instrument of ratification with the Secretary General of the United Nations in New York well in advance of the 2nd Meeting of State Parties in Beirut.

Thank you Madame Chair.