

Draft Statement – BULGARIA

With regard to the Draft decision on ISU financing, Bulgaria would like to present the following Statement:

- We can accept the assessed contributions, only if they are envisaged in the provisions of the Convention;
- Therefore we can support **Point 7-a** with the understanding that the “40 per cent of the ISU budget, covered by the assessed contributions”, as per Art. 14 - is the maximum level to which the contributions will be adjusted. Our understanding is that if the level turns to be lower, then the assessed contributions must be adjusted accordingly;
- On **7-b** we regard the contributions as VOLUNTARY and INDICATIVE. For Bulgaria assessed contributions that are not envisaged in the articles of the Convention would require a ratification procedure in the Bulgarian national parliament.
- On **7-c** Bulgaria considers the contributions envisaged in this Paragraph as additional voluntary contributions, covering expenses not included in the ISU main budget;
- On **8-b** our understanding is that a State Parties will indicate its level of contribution only if it is in position to do so.