Thank you Mr President,

The UK recognises the crucial role the ISU plays to ensure the effective functioning of this Convention. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Sheila Mweemba and her team for their continued hard work, commitment and support, particularly during the difficult times we are in.

This is why the UK is pleased to announce that we will be contributing £50,000 funding to the ISU for the financial year 2020/2021. We would encourage States Parties who are in a position to, but have not yet done so, to also donate to the ISU so that together we can ensure the financial viability of a vital part of our Convention’s machinery.

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