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Annex: introductory paper of the WGTR Co-Chairs¹

Opening and adoption of the draft annotated agenda

Under this agenda item, WGTR participants will have the opportunity to share remarks about this draft annotated agenda and to propose additional agenda items under AOB.

1. State of play of compliance with reporting obligations and challenges concerning reporting

*Under this agenda item, the ATT Secretariat will give **a general overview of the reporting status**, and of the progress that has been made in comparison to the previous status update.*

*Subsequently, the Co-Chairs will invite States Parties that have not yet complied with all their reporting obligations to share their **challenges to submitting timely and accurate initial and annual reports**. The Co-Chairs will also invite State Parties that have complied with their reporting obligations to share their **experiences in compiling and submitting reports**.*

*The WGTR participants will also have the opportunity to propose and discuss **means to support States Parties in addressing their reporting challenges**. The Co-Chairs will specifically invite participants to brief the WGTR on initiatives they have taken furthering the outreach strategy on reporting and will seek participants' views on the way forward with the project of voluntary practical bilateral and regional assistance with reporting (peer-to-peer).*

2. Substantive reporting and transparency issues under article 13 of the ATT

*Under this agenda item, the WGTR participants will have the opportunity to exchange practices, challenges and limitations concerning substantive issues about the reporting obligations that could benefit from consideration by the WGTR such as the **public availability** of annual and initial reports, **gender considerations**, **synergies with other reporting obligations** and the **aggregation of data**. The Co-Chairs will invite participants to share their comments on the first use of the tick-box in the ATT Annual Reporting Template to allow UNODA using the information in the Annual Report for the purpose of **UNROCA**.*

*Subsequently, the WGTR participants will consider submitted proposals for alterations or additional questions and answers for the **'FAQ'-type guidance document on the annual reporting obligation**.²*

¹ The introductory paper explains the background of the tasks given to the WGTR, summarizes past proposals and discussions, sets out elements for discussion and puts a number of proposals for consideration to WGTR participants. This should ensure a structured and effective discussion during the meeting.

² This item will only be addressed if any proposals are submitted to the co-chairs and the ATT Secretariat, or via the information exchange platform, at the latest ten days before the WGTR meeting.

3. Transparency issues and information exchange

*Under this agenda item, WGTR participants will have the general opportunity to exchange practices, challenges and limitations concerning **information exchanges that are required or encouraged by the Treaty**, both on the policy level, as well as on the operational level and to propose and discuss structured mechanisms, processes or formats facilitating those information exchanges.*

*Concerning the **online reporting functionality and the Information Exchange Platform on the ATT website**, WGTR participants will first be invited to discuss the continuing role of the Information Exchange Platform on the basis of the questions included in the Co-Chairs' introductory paper for this meeting. Subsequently, the Co-Chairs will invite States Parties that have used the online reporting tool to share their experience, and those that have not, to share why they prefer another reporting format. WGTR participants will also have the general opportunity to flag any problems using the systems and to propose possible improvements.*

*Concerning proposals to **harness information from the initial and annual reports in a manner that allows follow-up** on these reports, the Co-Chairs will first seek the views of the WGTR participants on the way forward concerning the project of an **online searchable database**. Subsequently, the Co-Chairs will invite participants to propose and discuss any other proposal.*

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