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**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PROPOSAL:
REAPPOINTMENT OF PWC AS AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR THE ATT**

BACKGROUND

1. Rule 10 of the ATT Financial Rules provides that the Conference of States Parties shall appoint, for a period of four years, an internationally recognised independent auditor with experience in the audit of international organisations to audit the ATT Secretariat, the activities of CSP and subsidiary bodies. The independent auditor shall be appointed for a period of four years and may be reappointed for one additional term, subject to satisfactory performance.

2. The Third Conference of States Parties (CSP3) held in September 2017 decided to appoint Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) as the independent auditor for the ATT for a period of four years (2018 – 2021) in accordance with Rule 10 of the ATT Financial Rules. The first term of Price Waterhouse Coopers as the independent auditor for the ATT terminates at the end of December 2021. Accordingly, the Seventh Conference of States Parties (CSP7) is expected to decide on the reappointment of the ATT auditor for one additional term.

WORK CONDUCTED BY THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

3. Since appointment in 2017, the independent auditor, Price Waterhouse Coopers, has successfully audited the financial statements and internal controls of the following critical functional areas of the ATT:

- a. The ATT Secretariat workstream deriving its revenue from assessed financial contributions by states.
- b. The Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) workstream deriving its revenue from voluntary contributions by donor states.
- c. The ATT Sponsorship Programme workstream deriving its revenue from voluntary contributions by donor states.

4. In the period under review, Price Waterhouse Coopers has consistently audited and issued audited financial statements for all workstreams of the ATT Secretariat thereby providing assurance to the Management Committee, States and Donors of the soundness of the accounting system and internal controls adopted by the ATT Secretariat. The audit assurance provided by the independent auditor has facilitated decision making by the Management Committee, States and Donors.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

5. Pursuant to Rule 10 of the ATT Financial Rules, the Management Committee proposes that the international audit firm, Price Waterhouse Coopers, be reappointed as an independent auditor for the ATT for an additional period of four years starting in January 2022.

6. Costs for servicing the Price Waterhouse Coopers' contract are included in the 2022 budget estimates for the ATT Secretariat, and will be provided for in all future ATT Secretariat budgets.
