**WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPARENCY AND REPORTING**

**Thank you once again, Mr President for the floor,**

Namibia wishes to express its gratitude to the Chair of the Working Groups on Transparency and Reporting and welcomes the draft documents and the recommendations contained therein.

**Mr President**,

Transparency and reporting are integral to other treaty obligations and cannot be separated from them. Therefore, Namibia supports the theme of your Presidency, which emphasizes that the implementation of the ATT is cross-cutting and requires practical application. Namibia acknowledges the importance of transparency and reporting and recognizes that national legal frameworks must be established to facilitate these processes and ensure effective treaty implementation.

In this context, Namibia has observed that national legislation is crucial for Treaty implementation. Furthermore, we have noted that regions with established legal regional mechanisms exhibit better reporting trends compared to developing regions that lack such mechanism. The presence of these mechanisms encourages State Parties to develop national processes that enable compliance with the Treaty.

**Mr President,**

The VTF, other international projects, and the voluntary guiding documents developed by the various Working Groups will significantly contribute to the national efforts to establish legal frameworks that enable reporting and enhance the capacity of State Parties to meet their reporting obligations. As stated previously, Namibia stands ready to co-host events that will promote and establish a strong foundation for reporting in the region.

In conclusion, Mr President, Namibia wishes to thank Mr Dladla for his valuable contributions and time he has devoted as Head of the ATT Secretariat. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors. **Thank you**