

UK on behalf of a group of States

Agenda Item 10 – International Assistance

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Thank you Mr President. On behalf of the UK (Canada, the Netherlands and Japan)

We would like to note for the record that it is our opinion that some elements contained in the “background note: sequence of events” annexed to the Voluntary Trust Fund report issued on 26 July do not fully reflect our interpretation of the work of the VTF Selection Committee, in respect to the assessment of applications. In particular, in the spirit of transparency, we would like to note that point 7 states that in May 202 “the Committee, as a grouping, took no account of the financial consideration aspect of the Guidance for Selection Process in its decision-making” and point 10 states that in May 2021 “the Selection Committee continued the suspension of the financial consideration aspect of the Guidance”, however we would like it recorded that during this period in our State assessments we did take financial considerations into account and made our assessments in this knowledge, in line with the Guidance for the Selection Process.

We call on the VTF Selection Committee to work on consensus-building on issues that may arise in a cooperative manner.

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