Mr. President,

First of all, Brazil would like to commend your efforts to further address the challenges to the financial sustainability of the Convention and the transparency and openness in which you have conducted consultations on this matter.

Brazil supports clarification of the measures agreed on in 2017, particularly with regard to those proposed to increase liquidity, in order to allow for its full implementation. The Meeting of High Contract Parties had decided to keep the measures agreed then under review in order to ensure the financial sustainability of the Convention. It is my country’s view that, particularly in light of its partial implementation, there has been not enough time to assess the adopted measures effects. We hope the clarifications being currently discussed can address the questions raised by UNODA and by the UN financial services, which we understand have been properly consulted.

With regard to the Chair’s other two proposals on finance, while Brazil can join consensus the establishment of a voluntary reserve dedicated to support mandated activities, we cannot support measures that will increase the CCW regular budget, such as the contingency mechanism proposed.

With regard to the ISU, Brazil will continue to engage in the discussions to develop a sustainable model for the substantive and secretarial support to the Convention. Meanwhile we commend UNODA, particularly Under-Secretary General Izumi Nakamitsu, for extending additional support to the CCW. While Brazil remains open to the different options, we highlight that the unique role and humanitarian significance of the CCW, as well as the size of its membership, makes it an international framework of the highest order. Inclusivity and
universalization remain key to its continued relevance and success and any administrative and financial model to be agreed upon needs to accommodate or account for different realities in Members capacity to pay as well as better express support of the regular UN budget resources to ensure the stability and sustainability of the CCW.

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