Financial Status of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons

Chair,

[Thanks to ISU]

We firmly believe that States Parties must provide the CCW with the means to do its work. Financial contributions that are paid on time and in full are crucial to the long-term sustainability of the CCW.

We believe that cash flow issues will remain until the non-payment of assessed contributions by some States Parties is addressed directly. For this reason, we welcome the initiative taken across multiple disarmament conventions to regularly publish the status of receivables in the interests of transparency. However, the continuation of the conventions’ financial challenges indicates this initiative does not go far enough. Continued and successive non-payment or late payment hampers the work of the convention.

States Parties to the CCW remain obliged to pay their assessed contributions in a timely manner and in full.

However, we understand the rationale behind the proposal for a Working Capital Fund and will support it, while maintaining the view that the most effective solution to the CCW’s budgetary challenges is the payment – in full, and in a timely manner – of assessed contributions by all States Parties.