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Mr Chairperson, Mr Director-General, Excellencies and distinguished colleagues,

As the facilitator of the Secure Information Exchange (SIX) system I would like to provide an update for the intersessional period.

The SIX system was announced to the States Parties during the Seventy-Sixth Meeting of the Executive Council. The goal was to establish a secure mechanism for the exchange of information between the States Parties and the Technical Secretariat using the internet as an alternative channel. The system was launched on 1 July 2014, as per the Note from the Secretariat S/1192/2014, dated 1 July 2014. During the Industry Cluster meetings various aspects of the system were discussed and regular updates were provided. The key elements of the last update, provided during the meeting of the Industry Cluster held on 2 June 2015, are as follows:

- (a) Currently, 22 States Parties, from all regional groups, with 38 individual users, have registered for using the system.
- (b) The system is being used for the exchange of various types of documents, primarily of declarations under Article VI and Article III, as well as relevant declaration amendments.
- (c) There were 15 annual declarations of past activities this year received on time using SIX.
- (d) 12 representatives from 11 States Parties received SIX training on the margins of the Conference of the States Parties in December 2014. The Secretariat has also continued to offer presentations and live demonstrations of the system in various events with National Authorities in order to raise awareness and promote system usage.
- (e) An e-Learning module for SIX has been developed by the Secretariat and made available to the States Parties on the internet site and on the external server.

Several States Parties have expressed interest for expansion of the coverage of the system to other information, such as for submission of declarations under articles VII and X, for receipt of the final inspection reports, transfer discrepancy letters, the Verification Information Report and other types of documents, as well as for a direct State Party-to-State Party



communication for the resolution of transfer discrepancies. Secretariat has already started accommodating some of these requests and planning the next project phase which would address the remaining requests.

Noting that the system is now in a standard operational mode, that the desired target of 20 States Parties within the first year of operation has been reached and that the key expected benefits have already started to materialise, a decision was made during the above mentioned Industry Cluster meeting to conclude the facilitation of this topic in the Industry Cluster, with a view to providing regular updates regarding the status of the system and the related activities.

My deep appreciation goes to all colleagues who made the SIX system a reality for the benefit of this Organisation.

For the record, I would like to request this report to be considered as an official document of this session of the Council.

Thank you.

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