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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 to the traditional means. Before the announcement of the system, audits were conducted to ensure the security of the system. During the Industry Cluster meetings various aspects of the system were discussed, such as the expected benefits, including the last meeting on 16 March 2015.

I would like to share some updates as follows:

1.   Currently, Sixteen States Parties have registered and several declarations have been received through the SIX system.

2.   12 Representatives from 11 States Parties received SIX training on the margins of the Nineteenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties in December 2014.

3.   An e-Learning module for SIX has been developed by the Technical Secretariat and it will be announced to the States Parties (in all official languages) on the internet website and on the external server.

My appreciation goes out to all colleagues who have made the SIX system a reality, and also the National Authorities of Spain, Canada and UK for sharing their experience with regard to the setup and the use of the SIX system with other States Parties.

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

Thank you.

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