1. On 18 June 2018, the Chairperson of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”), H.E. Ambassador Jana Reinišová of the Czech Republic, held informal consultations on the 2017 Verification Implementation Report (hereinafter “the 2017 VIR”) (EC-88/HP/DG.1, dated 16 May 2018). Thirty delegations were in attendance.

2. Prior to the consultations, the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) had received comments not for distribution from some States Parties.

3. During the consultations, there were no questions or issues raised with respect to the substance of the report. The deadline for submission for views and comments was set at 22 June 2018.

4. One delegation took the floor to express national views regarding the lessons that could be drawn from the 2017 VIR.

5. As has been the practice in previous years, the Secretariat will make available to States Parties any further written comments and views that it might receive, if so requested by the State Party that submits the comments. The Secretariat will also issue a corrigendum to the 2017 VIR; this is planned to take place before the Eighty-Eighth Session of the Council.