

## Fourth Conference of States Parties to the ATT Tokyo, Japan 20 – 24 August 2018

### Daily Summary: Day Five – 24 August 2018

#### Matters Pertaining to CSP5

The ATT Secretariat advises that 26 - 30 August be considered as the dates for CSP 2019 to be held at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) in Geneva. Amb. Jānis Karļins of Latvia was appointed as the President of the CSP 2019 while Benin, Chile, Ireland and the Republic of Korea were selected as vice-Presidents of the fifth CSP.

The CSP 2018 also appointed Australia, Chile, Finland, Germany, Japan, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom to serve on the VTF Selection Committee.

#### Any Other Business

Under this agenda item, the President raised the issue of regional representation. There has not been consensus reached during the informal consultations on this matter and thus proposed that a decision on this issue should be deferred until the next CSP so further discussions can be carried during the intersessional period. No countries objected to the President's proposal.

#### Consideration and Adoption of Final Report of CSP 2018

The remaining part of the day was spent negotiating the Final Report of CSP 2018 in section by section deliberations. Most of the interventions made by states were focused on Section III of the Final Report on "Decisions and Recommendations". Particularly, there was disagreement over the following paragraphs:

- Paragraph 26 notes that States Parties have "reassessed the importance of continuity of efforts of past, present and possible future presidencies, especially on the issue of universalization, without prejudice to the process of selection of the president" which after consultations with states was struck out and Paragraph 25 was amended to include language provided by New Zealand.
- Paragraph 35 dealt with the arrangements for the ATT sponsorship programme and was one of the more contentious issues this week. This paragraph noted that the administration of the ATT sponsorship programme would be transferred from UNDP to the ATT Secretariat at the end of the Fourth Conference of States Parties. South Africa, Ghana, New Zealand, Zambia and Latvia supported the proposal while the Latin American countries, including Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, opposed it. These countries proposing instead that this decision should be postponed until the next CSP allowing time to gather more information about the implications that this transfer would have on the ATT Secretariat's capacity. Switzerland shared these concerns but clarified that it would support the proposal if capacity concerns are clarified

clearly in writing. The text that was adopted after many deliberations stated that ‘ *the ATT sponsorship programme should transfer from UNDP to the ATT Secretariat at the end of the Fourth Conference of States Parties with understanding that (1) This will not curtail the Secretariats ability to fulfill its functions in full and (2) the Management Committee will report on the ATT Secretariat’s performance on the administration of the sponsorship program at CSP6.*

- Paragraph 37 lists three recommendations for the ATT Secretariat and the Management Committee to be taken forward in the intersessional period in order to address the problem of unpaid contributions. The discussions focused in particular on the third recommendation which mandates “*the Management Committee to undertake further work and prepare a detailed proposal to address the problem of financial contributions to be considered at the Fifth Conference of States Parties*”. During deliberations, the Netherlands, the UK, Switzerland, and France proposed amending the text to include “*to address the problem of financial contribution on basis of financial rules to be adopted at CSP 5*” while Guatemala, South Africa, Mexico, Brazil, Namibia expressed concern over the use of the word “adopted” and recommended instead “to be considered”. The final language agreed upon for paragraph 37.c) was “*...in accordance with the Financial Rules, to be put forward for consideration at CSP5*”. The European Union, with support from the UK and Switzerland also proposed adding in paragraph 37 “to include” financial issues on the agenda during the intersessional process between CSP4 and CSP5” which was adopted without contention.

The Final Report was finally adopted with a few only a few other changes to the text, 5 minutes before the end of the CSP 2018.

In his closing remarks Amb. Jānis Karļins, President of CSP 2019, welcomed the support from the Eastern European group and noted that his will be a low cost but high intensity presidency. Amb. Takamizawa, President of CSP 2018, thanked the conference for their cooperation and support.