



**European Union**  
Statement by

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**Second Preparatory Meeting for the Maputo Review Conference**

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**Agenda Item 7**

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**European Union Speaking Points for the  
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10<sup>th</sup> April 2014, Geneva**

**Agenda item 7: Exchange of views on a political declaration to be adopted at the  
Third Review Conference**

We consider that the political Declaration should remain as short and focused a document as possible.

While agreeing that the high ambitions of the Convention and the previous Action Plans should be maintained, we think that future commitments should be based on a realistic assessment of what can actually be achieved and fully implemented in the foreseeable future, to help ensure that the Convention remains a success story.

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**Finally**, Mr. President-Designate, we would like to thank you once again for your proposals and remain ready to further contribute in the period leading up to the Third Review Conference in Maputo.

**Thank you Mr. President-Designate.**