

## **IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT UNIT**

### **STATEMENT BY H.E. PEDRO COMISSARIO, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS (GENEVA)**

Dear colleagues: This is the point in the agenda where we put our money where our mouth is.

We have acceded to a Convention that has ambitious provisions that must be implemented. And we have developed machinery at the multilateral level to facilitate this implementation process.

We have also agreed that we need support in carrying out these tasks. Accordingly, we have established the Implementation Support Unit to assist us.

In the broader context of multilateralism, the ISU is probably the cheapest and most efficient structure that exists.

The ISU is small in size compared to other large headquarters structures in Geneva or New York and yet its productivity is huge.

In disarmament, there is nothing that compares to the ratio of the financial investment in the ISU relative to the results that it helps us produce. Think of the Conference on Disarmament, for example.

Moreover, nothing else that we are asked to pay for in Geneva comes close to the ISU in terms of the transparency regarding its operations and finances.

We have agreed to cover the costs of the ISU in a rather odd manner – through voluntary contributions.

As odd as that may be, that is the decision that we have taken, and we have to live with it.

However, living with our agreement that the ISU be funded on a voluntary basis means actually providing voluntary contributions to it.

Please do not assume that, just because there are 161 States Parties, someone else will pay your way.

Each and every one of us has a responsibility to contribute to the costs of the ISU.

Of course, each of us has the right to determine how much to contribute, but let's be clear – that amount has to be more than zero.

Over the course of the past several months, I have had more contact with the ISU than probably any other State Party.

I can attest to the fact that this Convention would not be the shining example of multilateralism working the way it should if it weren't for the ISU supporting our work.

It is time for us to step up and fully fund the ISU and perhaps even provide it with additional resources so that we can take full advantage of its potential.

I commit to vigorously mobilising resources for the ISU so that it can truly function the way we need it to.

And this begins right now, by me appealing to each of you – big States and small – to simply do what we agreed to do – cover the modest costs associated with a structure that we have established and which we greatly value.