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EU and its Member States contribution

Agenda item 6): Implementation of the current work programme of the Protocol, including in relation to the strategic plan for 2015 – 2020 and financial matters

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the report on implementation of the work programme including in relation to the strategic plan, and report on the contributions and expenditures in relation to the Protocol's work programme implementation.

We would like to thank the Secretariat and the Bureau for the extensive work and serious efforts made to keep the implementation of the work programme on track, especially the organisation of workshops and other events to promote and raise awareness of the Convention and its Protocol at the international level.

We would like to express also our appreciation of the work on continuously increasing the development of technical assistance via electronic means and usage of more electronic tools including e-mail consultations, phone conferences, online databases, the clearinghouse mechanism and the PRTR.net global portal. We believe that the use of electronic tools should facilitate implementation of the work programme and generate savings in costs and time.

We call on all Parties and Signatories to further promote the use of these tools.

With regard to the contributions and expenditures, the EU confirms that it is processing contribution for 2016 in accordance with its pledge.

Finally, we would like to thank the Secretariat for providing us with an overview of in-kind contributions. In-kind-contributions are very valuable contributions, which all Parties might wish to provide.

