Agenda item 5: Accession by non-UNECE States and promotion of the Convention’s principles in other regions

Contribution by the EU and its Member States and Croatia

(1) The EU and its Member States and Croatia would like to thank the secretariat and others involved in promoting the principles of the Convention in non-UNECE States.

(2) The progress made by the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC) in developing a mechanism to promote Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration is welcomed as good practice to implement paragraph 99 of The Future We Want, (Rio+ 20 Declaration) and the provision of ongoing advisory support to ECLAC and any other suitable proposed initiatives which may arise is supported.

(3) Recalling Decision IV/5, the EU and its Member States and Croatia continue to favour the step-by-step approach to deciding on the accession of non-UNECE states. We support the current light-touch procedure for the accession of non-UNECE states to the Convention which avoids amending the Convention and overly burdensome accession procedures.