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4a.) Support monitoring and evaluation of progress in, and effectiveness of implementation and national reporting

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- Mr. Chair,

- Monitoring, evaluation of progress and national reporting are of importance to achieve an effective implementation of the instrument.

- National Reporting is the basis that Parties can inform about the implementation on their level and how they comply with their obligations. This crucial information creates trust among Parties about the common effort and the joint respect of the legal obligations. It further allows to gather information about challenges and difficulties. In this regard it will be as well important to establish a compliance mechanism.

- Monitoring & evaluation of progress are key elements to check if the instrument does generate the expected results and is the basis to identify needs and approaches on how to adjust and improve the instrument.

- To develop the elements and instruments for monitoring, evaluation of progress and national reporting, we can benefit from models in existing MEA’s. It will be important to harmonise methodologies and forms, to create an efficient system that does not duplicate the administrative burden.

- We as well agree with the delegates from Saudi-Arabia and Brazil that the form will strongly depend on the content of the treaty, or as we say “form follows function”. This should be considered in the organization and sequencing of the further work.

Thank you Mr. Chair