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Thank you, Mr President.

We are pleased to see that the Sponsorship Programme is operating excellently under the administration of the Secretariat and is enabling a broad range of states – including from the Pacific – to participate in and help shape the future of the ATT.

New Zealand is a strong supporter of the Sponsorship Programme because it ensures that we can count on the participation of a broad cross-regional grouping of states (not just in our annual conferences but also in the preparatory meetings) and a full spectrum of regional views.

Accordingly, we are delighted that this year the ATT Sponsorship Programme has been able to support 32 delegates to attend this CSP.

We accept that for smaller states, capacity constraints will often represent quite a barrier to participation in treaties like the ATT. These constraints can of course extend to shortages of necessary equipment or training – but they will almost always involve human and financial shortages. We are very grateful, then, to all 32 delegates who prioritised attendance here at CSP5.

We also thank the Secretariat and the Management Committee for all of their work in preparing the Draft Administrative Guidelines for the Management of the Sponsorship Programme, and for updating these in

response to comments received at both of the preparatory meetings. We are hopeful that these Guidelines can now be adopted this week.

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