

Mr President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

I would like to start my brief remarks by thanking the two co-facilitators, HE Mr Vladimir Drobnyak, PR of Croatia, and HE Mr Jean-Francois Regis Zinsou, PR of Benin, for their tireless efforts in facilitating consultations on the outcome document.

The document that we have before us is, despite long hours of negotiations and efforts by our co-facilitators, less substantive than some initially envisioned. We have engaged constructively in these discussions. We welcome the first IATF report y7(rt)]TJ 0 Tc 0 Tw 3.93 0 T