Thank you chair!

We would like to highlight that a number of non-governmental organizations are making important contributions to the provision of technical assistance, in collaboration with UNODC and other UN bodies, including Open Ownership that works with numerous governments to advance beneficial ownership transparency and Open Contracting Partnership, which work on advancing transparent and inclusive public contracting, as well as several national chapters of Transparency International, among others.

We encourage UNODC and another providers of development assistance to continue to make use of the expertise and experiences of non-governmental organizations – and to actively involve civil society in technical assistance provision, both as providers and as beneficiaries.

It is crucial that national civil society is consulted, involved and included in the delivery of technical assistance, alongside other relevant stakeholders, in order to maximize the impact and sustainability of reform efforts. This is in line with UNGASS Political Declaration, which calls upon States Parties to “consider inviting those individuals and groups to contribute to the development and implementation of our technical assistance programs.”

Thank you.