

UNCAC CoSP10 – Plenary 8a Statement by UNCAC Coalition

Thank you chair,

We believe that the strong civil society participation and the expertise provided by the observers of this Conference has helped to inform the discussions over the past week and is making important contributions to the outcome of this COSP10.

More than 110 organizations participating in this Conference have jointly drafted and endorsed the CoSP10 Atlanta Civil Society Declaration, which you can access on the UNCAC Coalition website and we will also seek to submit it to the Conference. We will make QR codes with links available at our desks upstairs.

In this declaration, we recognize efforts by numerous States Parties to advance UNCAC commitments by proposing resolutions or text for resolutions, including on the transparency of public procurement and political finance, beneficial ownership transparency, recognizing and promoting the role of civil society in anti-corruption efforts, addressing gendered aspects of corruption, strengthening whistleblower protection, the links to organized crime and the need to develop synergies between the implementation of the UNTOC and the UNCAC, the need to tackle environmental crime and corruption, and the measurement and prevention of corruption.

However, while progress is being made, the resolutions that are being finalized and will be adopted by the Conference will only make a difference if they impact UNCAC implementation, in particular at the national level. We thus call on States Parties to swiftly take actions to implement the resolutions at national level and support follow-up actions in CoSP subsidiary bodies.

The Atlanta Civil Society Declaration also outlines a number of priority issues where progress is urgently needed.

This Conference concludes today but our joint work will continue.

Civil Society stands ready to support and assist in the path forward.

Thank you.