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**Statement by
Group Captain VS Srihari, Director (Ministry of Defence),
on
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Thank you Chair. With regard to the proposal in para 38; in the current draft, the paragraph mentions that the “Secretariat is tasked to develop a template to guide voluntary national reporting to be considered by States at the 2025 Preparatory Meeting”. It is our considered view that we should take a **consultative approach** in arriving at the formulation of the template and that it should be a **States’ driven process**. Based on your introduction to this section just now, we are also confident that the intent of the paragraph is to do so. We would only suggest that a reference to the same may be incorporated clearly in the language of the paragraph so as to assuage any misunderstanding in that regard.

We thank you.