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**STATEMENT OF RESERVATION: POLITICAL DECLARATION**

Madam President,

The UK has already made clear in its national statement why it cannot accept the Dubrovnik Declaration in full. It is deeply regrettable that, despite efforts in consultation, we have not been able to find consensus language that all States Parties are able to support.

However, this does not diminish the UK's total commitment to the purpose and spirit of the Convention. We will continue to work for its universalisation and full implementation.

Thank you.

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