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Statement by Austria on draft decision VII/9 on a rapid response mechanism to deal with cases related to article 3 (8) of the Aarhus Convention

Good morning, Madame Chair, and good morning, dear Delegates.

On behalf of Austria, I have the pleasure to confirm that we will provide financial support to the mechanism and that we will serve as lead country as well.

When there will be sessions on Environmental Defenders to share good practices, lessons learnt and other experiences during meetings of the Working Group of the Parties or Task Forces, Ms. Teresa Weber from Austria will be ready to chair or moderate them as needed.

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