Agenda item 11: Adoption of Outcomes
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Thank you, Chair, the European ECO Forum would propose under item 5(d), point 5, where it states: “Welcomed efforts of Uzbekistan to accede to the Aarhus Convention and encouraged the country to proceed with accession as soon as possible…” either in that paragraph or in a new paragraph to insert some language to the effect that:

“…and recognized the statement of the European ECO Forum offering to assist Uzbekistan in its efforts.”

Wherever appropriate, we would also appreciate it if the report can reflect that both an ECO Forum member from Uzbekistan and a representative of the ECO Forum as a whole warmly greeted the efforts of Uzbekistan to accede to the Aarhus Convention. My colleague from Uzbekistan may have his own language to propose here or for agenda item 5(d), but for my intervention I think it suffices to say that:

“…the European ECO Forum as a whole warmly greeted the efforts of Uzbekistan to accede to the Aarhus Convention”

If, for reasons of editorial brevity, it makes sense to combine the two points, I think, subject to any reservations my colleague from Uzbekistan has, it would be fine to say:

“And noted the statements of the European ECO Forum warmly greeting the efforts of Uzbekistan to accede to the Aarhus Convention and its offer to assist Uzbekistan in these efforts.”