

Spark Street Advisors' submission for the INB12

Thank you, Madame Co-chair.

We welcome the ongoing discussion on accountability noted in the most recent bureau text.

With informal discussions continuing on Article 21 *2bis*, we wanted at the outset to urge member states to do more, not less, when it comes accountability language on monitoring and compliance.

In the current text, we strongly encourage that the monitoring mechanism for implementation be mandatory—not voluntary. The word voluntary is currently included in brackets in the text.

Evidence from other treaties shows that mandatory state reporting and independent monitoring makes implementation more effective.

- **Human rights treaties** have established committees and include reporting frequency and content.
- **The Chemical Weapons Convention** includes numerous references to compliance, including the right to request clarifications from states and conduct fact-finding.

The text also has a bracketed mention of accountability. We support including an explicit reference to accountability in the text of the agreement. Because it is that important.

Accountability, in all its forms, will be key to making sure what's agreed to here is, in fact, implemented and respected in the years to come.

Thank you.