

Submission of the Bosnia and Herzegovina

Contact Group 3

ARTICLE 12

CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Bosnia and Herzegovina would like to emphasize the importance of explicitly recognizing and ensuring the inclusion of countries with economies in transition. These countries, such as Bosnia and Herzegovina, often face specific structural and institutional challenges that require targeted support and tailored approaches.

It is therefore crucial that countries with economies in transition are not overlooked in the implementation of Article 12, especially when it comes to accessing cooperation mechanisms, benefiting from international cooperation, and participating fully in capacity-building programs, technical assistance, and technology transfer arrangements.

In this regard, we propose the explicit inclusion of countries with economies in transition in **paragraph 1**, as follows:

"Developed country Parties shall cooperate to provide timely and appropriate capacity-building, technical assistance and safe technology transfer, including on concessional and preferential terms as mutually agreed, to developing country Parties, in particular LDCs and SIDS, [as well as countries with economies in transition], to assist them in implementing their obligations under this instrument. Capacity-building should be country-driven, based on, and responsive to, nationally determined needs and priorities."

We welcome the language in **paragraph 7**, which acknowledges the special requirements of various groups of countries, and in this case, we strongly support the continued inclusion of countries with economies in transition within this paragraph, including the removal of the brackets for countries with economies in transition. Their inclusion ensures a fair and balanced approach and contributes to the equitable implementation of this instrument.