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The IFCCD greatly appreciated the civil society forum. It is a very important space for civil society to share its proposals and concerns and communicate them to the parties. A number of important issues were raised there, two of which we would like to recall.

The first is the call for Parties to take responsibility for encouraging content diversity in the digital age and to ensure a full cultural exemption for cultural goods and services in any international negotiations on electronic commerce at the WTO. Without a cultural exemption, it is difficult to imagine how this Convention could continue to be implemented. We encourage everyone here to use the Guide on cultural clauses in trade negotiations that was prepared by the UNESCO Chair on the diversity of cultural expressions with the support of the Quebec government and presented Tuesday, and take it as a starting point to continue the conversation about this crucial topic for the future.

We want to assure the secretariat and the bureau of our full cooperation in identifying the best ways to implement Article 21 in these negotiations.

The second concerns the follow-up to the activity reports prepared by civil society. Like other organizations here, the IFCCD would also like to see space for the parties to react to reports that have required a lot of preparation. The IFCCD made many recommendations in its report, most of which were brought back throughout this meeting or will be presented under point 12. Our report contains further explanations and references and can also be consulted on our website.



Finally, I invite you to take note of the Lomé Declaration that the participants in the last IFCCD Congress adopted last October. You will see that our movement is dynamic and committed to contributing to the implementation of the Convention.