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Proposal by the Nordic Countries

The Swedish delegation, on behalf of the Nordic countries, suggests that the Committee consider presenting the information for the Fourth Annual Review (corresponding to that contained in document TBT/10 and Supplements 1 and 2 entitled "Third Annual Review of the Operation of the Agreement, Basic Document by the Secretariat") in a format which would facilitate the use of the document. In substance, the aim should be to elaborate a document limited to information on the implementation and administration of the Agreement during the year under review. As regards the layout of the document, it is suggested that the information relating to sections 2.2, "Consultation Points", 2.3, "Panelists", 7, "The Use of International Standards, etc.", and 8, "Transparency", be contained in annexes to the document.

It is also proposed that the Committee should charge an ad hoc group with the task of elaborating a detailed proposal for this purpose. The ad hoc group could consist of the Chairman, interested delegations and representatives of the secretariat.