Statement by H.E. Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, 
Head of Delegation of the Holy See, 
Agenda item 8 
(“Final Provisions”)

Madam Chair,

As it regards the final provisions, I can be very brief since my delegation believes that the new Convention should not depart from the well-honed precedents of UNTOC and UNCAC.

I would only like to underline that it is essential that all States that have participated in the negotiation of this Convention – including those that are not members of the UN, such as the Holy See – are able to sign, ratify, accept or approve this treaty. For this Convention to be effective, it has to be truly universal. For that reason, my Delegation reiterates also that a Convention adopted by consensus will increase the likelihood of its being signed and ratified by the largest possible number of States.

I thank you, Madam Chair.