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IPEN/ The National Consumers and Environmental Alliance (ANCE-Togo) Intervention on Reporting  
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Thank you Mr. President,

The Alliance Nationale des Consommateurs et de l'Environnement du Togo (ANCE-Togo), a participating organization of IPEN, would briefly like to comment on the discussions on national reports.

As of 10th January 2011, the Secretariat had received reports from 69 of 172 parties. Although an electronic system is developed to assist all parties to report to the Secretariat under Article 15, the improvement of the reporting rate is from 30% after COP3 to only 40% after COP4.

IPEN believes that most developing countries and countries with economies in transition face enormous difficulties in developing participatory and qualitative national reports.

IPEN believes that to improve the quality of national reports which is supported by all stakeholders, including the public interest groups, COP5 should:

- 1) Request the Secretariat to continue to provide guidance to parties on the use of the electronic system for reporting;
- 2) Invite the Secretariat to develop a strategy to increase the rate of submission of national reports pursuant to Article 15; and
- 3) Invite the GEF to set up an appropriate financial mechanism to support the developing countries and countries with economy in transition to elaborate valuable and comprehensive participatory national reports.

IPEN, therefore, invites Parties to make use of the experience of the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP8 Decision VIII/18 and COP10 Decision X/25) and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Decision BS-IV/14 and Decision BS-V/14), for the establishment of this financial mechanism.

Thank you Mr. President.