Mr. Chairman, as reflected in the Final Document of the 8th Review Conference, BWC States Parties continue to place a high priority on achieving universal adherence to the Convention. The United States would like to warmly welcome the Central African Republic and Niue as the newest BWC States Parties. We understand that Tanzania is close to completing the process of joining the Convention, and encourage it to do so as soon as possible. We look forward to welcoming Tanzania as a BWC Party.

Mr. Chairman, we would also like to express our appreciation to you for your report on universalization, and to you, the Implementation Support Unit and other States Parties for your efforts toward this important common objective. My own government continues to attach great importance to universality and to encourage states that have not yet brought the Convention into force to do so. Finally, we would also like to thank the Parliamentarians for Global Action for their diligent ongoing efforts toward universalization, efforts that are amply reflected in your report.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.