

BELGIAN STATEMENT

Ms Lieve Van Daele (Belgium) asks to insert the following statement in the minutes of the meeting.

“The attitude of Belgium will be determined by the following considerations:

(1) In case the European Commission is not in favour of the decision of the CSO (the point of time for this decision is not foreseen or known at this moment) to appoint the aisbl “COST Office Association (COA)” as an implementing agent for COST, Belgium will propose to liquidate the aisbl at the General Assembly of the aisbl according to the law. In case the Belgian proposal for liquidation does not receive a sufficient majority from the members of the General Assembly of the aisbl, Belgium will cease its membership of the aisbl.

(2) The aisbl should be cost-neutral for the Belgian government as a whole. More specific, no favours or special rights will be awarded to the aisbl for the payment of value added tax (vat) by the aisbl”.