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Statement Rinie van Est (Rathenau Instituut, The Netherlands)

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Rinie van Est and together with my colleague Janne Verstappen we are representing the Rathenau Instituut, which is the Dutch parliamentary technology and innovation system assessment organization. We would first like to compliment CSTD for putting technology assessment (TA) and technology foresight (TF) on the global UN agenda.

Our organization is a member of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) organization, which yesterday and today are having a conference in Oslo, organized by the Norwegian Board of Technology. At the Council Meeting yesterday, the question was raised how EPTA members would like to relate to the efforts of UNCTAD and the CSTD to stimulate the use of TA and TF within developing countries. There is great willingness among many EPTA members to share their experiences and support the development of TA and TF capacities all over the world.

The Rathenau Instituut is also one of the founders in 2019 of the Global TA network, which has the explicit aim to facilitate global cooperation for the assessment of emerging technologies in order to maximize their benefits and minimize the risks and support adequate anticipatory governance of new technologies that may have significant impacts on the attainment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Please contact us if you want to be part of the Global TA network. Finally, on June 2-4 the 6th European TA Conference (ETAC) will take place in Vienna on the theme "TA goes global". This conference hosted by the Institute of Technology Assessment (ITA) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences in cooperation with the globalTA network. For those who are interested, you are very much welcome to further the debate on TA in a globalized world in Vienna next year.