In order to become a Supporting State of the MLA initiative, States need to have signed an official note verbale voicing their support for the Permanent Declaration. A draft note verbale can be found on the next page.  
  
The Permanent Declaration is not a binding legal instrument, but rather a way for States to express their support for the idea that the international community of States should open negotiations on a procedural multilateral treaty on mutual legal assistance and extradition to cover the gap in the international legal framework for core international crimes.  
Sending a digital copy of the note verbale to [MLA-initiative@minvenj.nl](mailto:MLA-initiative@minvenj.nl) will ensure a swift response.

**Note verbale**

The … (fill in authority) presents its compliments to the Core Group of the initiative for a new multilateral treaty on mutual legal assistance and extradition for the most serious international crimes, also known as the MLA initiative.

The … (fill in State) wishes to express its support for the idea to open negotiations on a procedural multilateral treaty on mutual legal assistance and extradition for the most serious international crimes as reflected in the Permanent Declaration.

The … (fill in authority) avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Core Group of the MLA initiative the assurance of its highest consideration.

(fill in location and date)