

Egypt's Statement following the adaption of the open-ended working Group established under General Assembly Resolution 72/277 of 10 May 2018 of the recommendations at the third substantive meeting on the 22nd of May 2019

The Delegation of Egypt would kindly request putting the following statement on record:

- The Government of Egypt believes that the success of the collective efforts aimed at addressing the wide array of environmental challenges requires enhanced action by all, combined with enhanced support in the form of means of implementation for developing countries to support their national efforts aimed at effectively and fully implementing their existing obligations and commitments.
- Unfortunately, the text we just adapted on means of implementation does not acknowledge in any meaningful manner the requisite balance between action and support, whereby it explicitly calls for renewed efforts on the action side, while timidly only stressing the importance of support.
- We strongly believe that the success of our collective efforts requires a significant increase in all means of implementation.
- Equity demands that developing countries, not be expected to contribute this global effort dependent only on their already depleted national budgets, limited capacities, and unsuitable technologies and at the expense of their legitimate aspirations for sustainable development and eradication of poverty as reflected in agenda 2030 and goal 17.
- Nonetheless, and in a spirit of compromise, and in order to facilitate the successful conclusion of one important paragraph and despite the misgivings contained in this statement, we have accepted, albeit reluctantly the language in the text just adapted.