

Statement by INDIA at Second Substantive Session of the ad-hoc Open-Ended Working Group Established Pursuant to the General Assembly Resolution 72/277 – “Towards a Global Pact for the Environment”

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Thank you co-chairs,

As this is first time we are taking floor, we extend our warm greetings to august gathering here in the room.

We reaffirm our support to the process, which we believe aims to enhance action towards the protection of the Environment and sustainable development.

We appreciate the work undertaken by Co-chairs and UNEP team for this session and welcome the guiding questions. We also express our agreement to proposed work program for this session.

There are some views expressed on existence of the gaps in the room. In this context, India would like to submit that if the Group does observe gaps in existing principles of international environment law, challenges in managing major environmental issues and the need for coherence among the existing international law, then it is essential, to consider the following:

First; have consensus and common understanding on the gaps;

Second; have exhaustive assessment of various options and the most effective solution/s?

Third, look at that how the identified solutions add value and enhance action for environment protection and sustainable development.

With these preliminary words, we look forward for a fruitful interaction and healthy discussions during the session on the subject and We assure our constructive participation.

I Thank once again.
