

Thank you for still giving us the floor, Madam Chair. We are aware of the fact that we are not allowed to be part of the text negotiations. We are providing you with our best recommendations, hoping to be constructive in this challenging task.

We offer our clear support to the zero draft sections 1 and 2 compiled by the co-chairs as it reflects the consensus among states at this stage. We appreciate the engagement of most delegations to improve the work at hand.

On our 3 very concrete points:

- We strongly believe that paragraph 2.C on principles of IEL and means of implementation is a fundamental element of this Open Ended Working Group mandate and that it cannot be deleted without emptying the work done so far.
- we also think that many recommendations related to governance are beyond the sole mandate of UNEP. Therefore, it is really important that this process continues on a higher level and gets the endorsement of heads of States.
- Finally, we believe an enhanced framework of global cooperation has to be developed by addressing the principles of IEL, their effective implementation and how to coordinate environmental governance.

Thank you