African Statement on 7. Awareness-raising, education and research [and development]

The Africa group generally agrees for a shorter and more concise provision that promotes regional and international cooperation through bodies and networks.

We thus support the streamlining of Option 1, Para 1. The Group believes that measures shall be taken by Country Party to raise awareness on the objective of this instrument. Such measures could include:

- Promoting public participation and public access to information, and
- Providing training in the national levels.

In our view, the need to advance scientific and technological research, development and innovation to support the attainment of the objective is very curtailing. We therefore support the reflection of Para 1 and Para 2, Under Option 2.

We again believe that cooperation is key at national, regional and international levels to promote and/or undertake relevant research, development and exchange of information.