Mr Chair, the Africa Group wants to appreciate you, the Co-Chairs and the Co-Facilitators on the work done so far.

The Group strongly believes that intersessional work is extremely important for the advancement of the negotiations of the instrument. Therefore, we recommend changes in the proposal of the Chair as follows:

1. The committee decides to establish an ad hoc intersessional open-ended expert group to develop an analysis of potential sources and means of implementation that can mobilize the objectives of the instrument, including the modalities of the financial mechanism, capacity building, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer for the consideration by the committee at its fifth session.

9. The committee also requests the secretariat to organize an in-person meeting for the expert groups in the intersessional period before the INC5.

10. The committee further requests the chair, in consultation with the bureau, to invite selected technical resource persons to help inform the work of the expert groups including from civil society.

We thank you, Mr. Chair.