

ARTICLE 17, PARAGRAPH 5

My delegation support the statement made by Togo on behalf of the African Group , concerning the new proposal of paragraph 5

“For the purposes of this Convention, Parties exchanging information pursuant to this Convention shall protect any confidential information as mutually and any relevant traditional knowledge in line with the free, prior and informed consent of the holders of such knowledge. For the purposes of this Convention, information on health and safety of humans and the environment shall not be regarded as confidential.”