

Cambodia's position on the Chair's Text for the INC-5.2

❖ ARTICLE 1bis: PRINCIPLE AND APPROACHES

Cambodia supports Option 0, which proposes not to include a standalone article on principles and approaches in the Convention.

We believe that the objective of the Convention, along with its substantive and operational provisions, already provides sufficient guidance for implementation and international cooperation. The inclusion of a separate article listing broad and sometimes contested principles may introduce legal ambiguity, interpretive complexity, and prolonged negotiations, without adding practical value.

Furthermore, many of the principles under discussion—such as the Rio Principles, sovereignty, and precaution—are already well-established in international law and can be referred to implicitly where relevant, rather than explicitly codified in this instrument.

Cambodia emphasizes the importance of keeping the Convention concise, action-oriented, and focused on implementation mechanisms. Therefore, we respectfully support Option 0 and recommend that principles be reflected, where necessary, in specific operational provisions rather than as a general standalone article.