

Contact Group (4)

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Member: The State of Kuwait

Articles:14 “National plans”

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Article	Statements
Article 14 National plans	<p data-bbox="442 680 699 712">Thank you co-chair,</p> <p data-bbox="442 757 1362 904">In light of the INC Chair's statement in plenary today that the entire non-paper is bracketed, we respectfully request that Article 14 also be bracketed to ensure consistency and allow for further consideration and discussions.</p> <p data-bbox="442 949 1273 1025">Kuwait proposes that the term "national plan" be replaced with "national action plan"</p> <p data-bbox="442 1032 1382 1218">We recognize the importance of Article 14 in establishing the framework for national action plans, which are essential for implementing the obligations of this treaty. However, it is imperative that these plans are structured in a way that protects and promotes the interests of developing countries.</p> <ol data-bbox="442 1225 1382 2033" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="442 1225 1382 1451">1. Flexibility and Tailored Approaches: we request that National action plans should reflect the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR). Developing countries require flexibility to design plans aligned with their national circumstances, priorities, and capacities, without imposing undue administrative or financial burdens.<li data-bbox="442 1503 1382 1729">2. Support Mechanisms for Plan Development: Developing countries often face resource constraints that hinder the preparation and implementation of comprehensive national action plans. It is crucial to establish robust support mechanisms, including financial assistance, technical expertise, and capacity-building programs, to enable all Parties to participate meaningfully in this process.<li data-bbox="442 1780 1382 1921">3. Avoiding Conditionalities: Any support provided for the development of national action plans should be unconditional and not tied to restrictive policies or measures that could undermine the sovereignty and development goals of recipient countries.<li data-bbox="442 1973 1382 2033">4- Transparency and Equity in Review: The review process for national action plans, as proposed in the text, must include elements to

prevent unequal treatment or undue pressure on developing countries. The review should serve as a platform for collaboration, not scrutiny or punitive measures rather facilitative and cooperative.

We urge that Article 14 reflects these principles to ensure that national action plans empower developing countries rather than becoming an additional administrative or financial burden. Only through equitable support and collaboration can we achieve the shared goals of this convention.