

China's Intervention at the Stocktake Plenary on August 9th

Based on the three categories of articles from more to less convergence, we have some suggestions for consideration by the Chair, co-chairs and member states.

1. We suggest that the chair with the help of co-chairs identify the most divergent issues or elements in each contact group. Basically, we think these elements are those with the ideas of yes or no, or with or without. Pick out these elements from contact groups and put them to another setting. For instance, raise the discussion of these elements to the level of HODs. Ideas can also be sought on the linkages among these elements. At the same time, we suggest the chair carry out intensive and extensive consultations with member states to fully understand their biggest concerns related with these elements, and try to find out whether there is possibility or impossibility of convergence for these elements.

2. For most of the articles falling in category 2 which have a strong support from all members to be included in the future treaty and have very good basis from the chair's text, we see things are becoming difficult in the past several days of discussion. Apart from others, we find two reasons behind. The first is that delegations link these articles with the most divergent elements. Secondly, delegations are also linking

articles with each other. Because of these, there's a tendency to add more and more languages. We suggest that co-chairs of the four groups work together to identify those elements that are linked with the most divergent ones in category 3 and cross cutting elements linking with the other groups. Try to put those cross cutting issues aside for a while and focus on elements that are specific for a certain article in the contact groups and informals. We hope that by doing this, all the contact groups can accelerate their discussions in a more technical and concentrated way. For contact groups with a big number of articles to be discussed, We suggest that the co-chairs prioritize the discussion of those articles with more convergence. The more clean text we have, the more confidence we have.

3. China is determined to cooperate closely with all members to push the discussions of all articles and together we aim to achieve an agreement with consensus in Geneva.