#Statement on: 1. Governing Body

The African Group strongly supports the establishment of the Conference of the Parties (COP) as the governing body of the instrument. We appreciate the proposed text for this purpose.

We agree to Paragraph 1 and acknowledge that the frequency of COP meetings will be determined at a later stage.

The African Group also fully supports the remaining paragraphs (2, 3, 4, 5, and 6) of the Governing Body provision. These paragraphs outline essential functions and powers that will enable the COP to effectively oversee the implementation of the instrument.