Thank you.

Regarding the principles, these must be part of the proposed instrument. We support option 1.

Indian delegation views that some principles must also be part of substantive provisions. It is important that principles must be part of the obligations/commitments which would require to be understood in terms of national circumstances and capabilities and common but differentiated responsibilities, particularly in respect of developing countries.

Operative paragraph of UNEA 5/14 resolution lays down two important principles to be taken into account. Mention of principles in preamble refers to the intent of consideration of those principles while developing the instrument. The incorporation of principles in the instrument has to be ensured and this necessitates the specific mention of the principles. The reference of principles of Rio Declaration must be taken into account in the instrument. Also, some other principles also must be referred to for the instrument to be equitable, inclusive, fair and effective. The specific reference of Principle 7 on CBDR of the Rio Declaration must be there along with the principle of sustainable development.

Thank you.