#Statement on: Information exchange

The African Group advocates for a dedicated provision on Information Exchange within the instrument. We believe this is crucial for promoting transparency, facilitating knowledge sharing, and ensuring effective implementation.

Regarding Paragraph 1:

- We support the concept but propose removing the bullet points. This flexibility avoids predetermining specific information to be exchanged without agreement on related aspects of the instrument or potential future decisions by the Governing Body.

We favor a more concise paragraph 1 that emphasizes the importance of information exchange on matters relevant to the instrument's objectives.

Regarding Paragraph 2:

- We strongly support the inclusion of Option 1 bis, which promotes the establishment of an online repository for information exchange. This readily accessible platform would facilitate knowledge sharing and collaboration among parties.

The African Group is committed to working towards a robust information exchange provision that fosters transparency and strengthens the instrument's implementation.