#Statement on: Reporting on progress [of implementation]

The African Group acknowledges that aspects of reporting requirements are interlinked with decisions on scope and Part I of the instrument. Therefore, we advocate for a flexible approach that allows for future adjustments based on those agreements.

Among the current options, Option 1 offers the most suitable framework for reporting. We particularly support:

- Paragraph 1: Establishing clear reporting obligations for Parties.
- Paragraph 3: Specifying the content of national reports, ensuring they capture essential information for monitoring progress.
- Paragraph 4: Emphasizing the Governing Body's responsibility for determining reporting modalities and formats. This will ensure a clear and consistent reporting system across Parties.

While Option 2 offers some positive elements, such as clear timelines and public availability of reports, it lacks the necessary flexibility.

Therefore, the African Group strongly supports Option 3 bis. It provides a balanced approach that accommodates future adjustments while ensuring transparency and accountability through public reporting.