United Kingdom Interventions; Preamble, Objective, and Principles

Preamble

The UK shares the view, expressed by others, that the preamble should align as closely as possible with the preamble in UNEA Resolution 5/14.

Given the importance of a just transition, we support it being referenced in the preamble, but would include a reference to the International Labour Organisation guidelines.

Objective

The UK supports keeping the objective simple, and where relevant aligning it with UNEA resolution 5/14.

However, recognising the connection between the environment, human health, and animal health, reflecting a One Health approach, we suggest including a reference to animal health in the objective.

Principles

The UK does not see a need for a standalone provision on principles and supports option zero. If one of the matters currently mentioned in the list for Article 4 is considered necessary to inform the interpretation of the treaty, then that matter is better included in the preamble. If one of the matters currently listed is intended to inform the making of a particular decision under the treaty, then that matter should be mentioned in the provision under which the decision is to be made.