CONTACT GROUP 3, INTERVENTION BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA ON PREAMBLE.

Thank you, dear co-facilitators, for your excellent work and the document which you have shared.

We understand that the basis was 5/14 and we understand that it can be good starting point, however, we don’t understand the rationale behind picking some additional elements over others.

In this regard, my delegation would like to support the delegation given by MEXICO on behalf of GRULAC, as well as the interventions of other GRULAC countries which have taken the floor in this regard.

We see with great concern the need for more language related to protecting and realising human rights. After hearing the interventions by all delegations from the preparatory meetings and the INC-3 meetings, we recall that most countries, including regional groups and my delegation, explicitly referenced the rights to life, health, food, water, and sanitation.

We also recall the references to recognising the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment as per UNGA resolution 76/300.


Those universal rights cannot be omitted from the co-chair's report, they are fundamental for the negotiation of this instrument.

As references to HRs are of great concern for most delegations, so we kindly request that those essential elements be included, and the document recirculated.