Türkiye’s intervention on institutional arrangements and final provisions

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Thank you,

Regarding institutional arrangements, like other Multilateral Environmental Agreements, it is inevitable for new Instrument to have a governing body. Issues such as the duties, responsibilities and supervision of the governing body should be clearly included in the content of the ILBI. In addition, it is also beneficial to include provisions about for example which decisions it would have an implementing position and what kind of cooperation it would establish.

In addition, in order to ensure the functionality of the ILBI, the establishment of subsidiary bodies in the areas to be determined by taking into account the broad scope of the subject is welcomed. These subsidiary bodies, such as contact groups, task forces and/or ad-hoc groups, should be established either for a certain period or permanently operational, considering the flexibility allowing that they can be fixed according to changing needs in the future.

In addition, to ensure the functionality of the ILBI, the establishment of subsidiary bodies in areas to be determined, taking into account the broad coverage of the subject matter, is encouraged. In this regard, subsidiary bodies such as contact groups, task forces, and/or ad-hoc groups would be established for a specific temporal mandate and there is a need for permanent subsidiary bodies as well. Changing needs in the future should be considered.

The Turkish Delegation is pleased to reiterate the need to increase the involvement of scientists in the process as stated in INC-1 and 2. To this end, the establishment of a science subsidiary body to bring together scientific efforts, including local ones, would be welcomed.

Last but not the least, it is considered essential to include in the decisions of the ILBI provisions on the structure of the Conference of Parties of Member States to take decisions within the ILBI and to ensure that the Conference of Parties meet at regular intervals.

We would like to address the issue of settling disputes within the final provisions of the ILBI. While our primary hope is, of course, to avoid any disagreements, in the event of a dispute, we request that the matter be resolved primarily through negotiation.

Additionally, concerning institutional arrangements, incorporating provisions for the establishment of new subsidiary bodies or the termination of duty of existing ones within the final provisions will enhance functionality.

Finally, the Turkish delegation would like to emphasize the importance of determining signature and ratification periods. Establishing these periods by taking into account the opinions of all countries for harmonization in practice holds great significance.

These adjustments are mainly for stylistic coherence and flow, and the original text is already quite clear in conveying its intended message.

I thank you.