U.S. Submission on Potential Areas for Intersessional Work
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The United States is pleased to present its views on potential areas for intersessional work compiled by the cofacilitators of the two contact groups at INC-2 to inform the work of INC-3. We thank the Secretariat in advance for posting these views, which we understand will be included in discussions during the one-day preparatory meeting held before INC-3. The United States would also like to express our appreciation for the many observers who provided their thoughtful written input on intersessional work.

The United States looks forward to engaging with countries and observers at the preparatory meeting and thinks the focus of that meeting should be an exchange of views on potential elements of the instrument not discussed at INC-2. To facilitate a constructive discussion, we urge the Chair to enable sufficient discussion time on each potential element of the instrument that is part of the synthesis report.

While we recognize there is interest for discussion on intersessional elements, such discussion should not occur at the expense of discussion on the elements of the instrument itself. With the extension of INC-3, there should be ample time to discuss what intersessional work might be helpful to promote continued productive discussions and progress at INC-4. We believe that the contact groups during INC-3 are best positioned to identify intersessional work on specific topics of the draft instrument and modalities for such work ahead of INC-4, taking into account the potential intersessional work identified in the INC-2 co-facilitators' reports along with other potential work identified in the submissions ahead of INC-3. We would also welcome establishing an informal group to help agree on what intersessional work will occur ahead of INC-4.