

**Chapters V and VI**  
**Governance and Implementation**

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Thank you chair for the opportunity to speak.  
I promise to be brief!

I would like to address one important issue that impacts governance and implementation.

We work together with the NGO Major Group and the Women's Major Group, and they share a common concern about the need to ensure the full participation of civil society in this process. It is appreciated that the co-chairs have been generous in allowing NGOs to address the meeting. However, one key restraint to participation remains: the lack of availability of funding support – including for Major Group coordinators. Many experienced NGOs with considerable expertise are not present at this meeting, Nor are the coordinators of NGOs and some other Major Groups.

NGOs and other Major Groups can enrich these deliberations, bringing different perspectives, and representing different constituencies. They also play an important role in supporting the implementation of environmental measures. It is therefore vital that they are fully engaged in this process. So, we would like to make a plea for funding support to ensure their participation at meetings and effective coordination throughout the process.