

Egypt's intervention at the CPR Subcommittee meeting on 9 October 2019 – preliminary thoughts on the CPR-based review process

Thank you Chair. Before I delve into a few general substantive points, I would like to thank the secretariat for the comprehensive document already prepared, and of course to congratulate Malawi and Canada on taking up this crucial role as our co-facilitators. We have full confidence that they will ably guide us as we embark on this endeavor.

This is by no means an exhaustive list but rather some initial thoughts. Firstly, the secretariat's note on the implementation of decision 4/2 mentions in several instances the role of stakeholder participation. Despite the importance of this issue, paragraph 10 of decision 4/2 clearly outlines the scope of the CPR based review, and does not mention this matter which has a dedicated framework to address it, namely the "stakeholder's engagement policy", which can be revisited if need be. We should stay faithful to the scope of this process.

Secondly, it is vital that during the organization of UNEA we do not have a large number of concurrent meetings, in order to accommodate the participation of smaller delegations. In the past, we have in some instances had up to 4 simultaneous meetings.

My next point is on the holding of the OECPR. We see merit in continuing to hold it back to back with the UNEA, but perhaps we may consider the duration of the meeting being cut down to fewer days.

Finally, with regard to the roles and responsibilities of the CPR and UNEA bureaus. It is crucial to enhance the coordination between these two bodies, and in particular the coordination between representatives of the various geographic groups across both bureaus.