

Bangladesh Statement on Conclusion

Thank you Excellency.

After the days of intense discussion, let me thank the co-chairs for their whole hearted efforts for making the process a success.

Bangladesh is one of the most vulnerable countries in terms of climate change and environmental degradation and had already suffered some irreversible environmental damages. We are always actively engaged with any process which is supposed to produce better outcome out of any regional or global effort. With this same end in view we became part of this exploration to find out whether greater harmonization or coherence is achievable to generate better governance and result in the sphere of environment.

We believe that the GA resolution and Secretary General's report are new efforts which merit our consideration without prejudging the outcome of the process. Though we are not negotiating the report here, it is obvious that the report could be further complemented in a number of ways. The report is purely thematic and it could provide examples for better comprehension and avoidance of misinterpretation. However, given the amount of time and mandated perimeter, the report had provided enough food for thought and we want to see it as half full rather than half empty.

We have heard the statements of the delegations and we are in your hands dear co-chairs for next course of actions. We may further

work on the premises of the report in another document or on the report itself to consider more specific gaps with examples and possible ways and means to overcome these gaps. Harmonization, predictability and certainty always help any process and we also hope that our exercise would contribute in that direction. We also see value in further coordinating among and between UN Organizations and regional MEA bodies. So this Working Group may continue their engagement keeping in mind all the options in addition to having an overarching instrument to have better coherence. We have the alternative of going beyond this report in any way befitting to the methodology of the work of this Group. Other environmental bodies may also benefit from the concerns regarding the gaps in their respective sectors. At the end we hope that whatever we have at the end of the process, flexibilities and assistance for implementation for the developing countries will prevail.

I would also like to express our appreciation for the Government of Kenya and UNEP for organizing this meeting.