

Nigeria's comment on Chapter 5.

Nigeria would like to join previous speakers in condemning, in the strongest possible terms, yesterday's unfortunate terrorist attack. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Government and good people of Kenya and indeed the families of victims of the heinous attack.

2. We acknowledge the arguments in support of the existence of fragmented environmental institutions and instruments. However, we think that lack of synergy and coordination among and between various institutional fragmentation is a major clog in the wheel of the current effort to address global environmental challenges given its potential to overlap in mandate and increased financial and administrative burdens on States parties.

3. We are interested in the many ideas put forward in Chapter 5 for addressing the already identified issue of fragmentations. It is our view that the ideas suggested, particularly in paragraph 83, acknowledged that there is no one-side fit all approach to solving the issue. In our opinion, this gives room for more ideas.

4. We must avoid duplication as much as possible and enhance synergy and coordination within and among international institutions related to environmental governance. As the main player in international environmental governance, my delegation is convinced that a reinvigorated environmental governance should revolve around UNEP. Indeed, a strengthened UNEP has the potential to implement most of the environment-related sustainable development goals and targets. My Delegation also think that with its overarching environmental mandate, universal membership and full involvement of major groups and stakeholders, including relevant environmental non-state actors as appropriate, UNEP should remain the world's highest-level decision-making body on international environment.

I thank you