

UGANDA COMMENTS ON CHAPTER VII

Co-chairs,

Regarding Chapter VII, the Uganda delegation commends the Secretary General for putting a document together which has aided the discussions this far.

I also want to draw your attention to the instruction given to the SG by UGA: para 1

“General Assembly resolution 72/277 entitled “Towards a Global Pact for the Environment”, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit, at its seventy-third session in 2018, a technical and evidence-based report that identifies and assesses possible gaps in international environmental law and environment-related instruments with a view to strengthening their implementation”.

The question is whether the report has identified possible gaps?

- 1. Yes or no**
- 2. Adequate or inadequate**
- 3. Comprehensive or not**

1. The Uganda delegation reiterates observations and comments that the report is not exhaustive to inform

focused discussions and therefore drawing conclusions is premature. Although on environment related instruments, my delegation in full agreement of the whole text.

2. It is our proposal that to reach conclusions, the report should have comprehensively provided the international environmental law principles - (thus whether established by binding instruments, customary or soft law).
3. The report should also have indicated which instruments establish the principles and whether there are limitations to their application and implementation.
4. We reiterate again that Chapter III should have clearly demonstrated that the regulatory regime is reliant on participation of all relevant actors, pursuit of reconciled objectives and acknowledgement of the differing circumstances, among other factors. The regulatory actors for international environmental law and the principles guiding the regulatory regime and extent of application or gaps that exist needed to have been outlined.