



**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY SOUTH AFRICA AT THE THIRD SUBSTANTIVE
SESSION OF THE AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP TOWARDS THE
GLOBAL PACT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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Thank you Madam Co-chair,

My delegation wishes to thank the co-chairs for the draft non-paper on recommendations of the ad hoc open-ended working group. This indeed can be used as a basis for further deliberations.

While my delegation fully welcomes reference to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, we would have wanted to see more reassurances from the outset of on-going means of implementation support for developing countries and of developed country leadership. It may be recalled that some multilateral agreements have provisions and undertakings on support beyond the Action Agenda.

Madam co-chair,

With regards to section three, it is clear that there is currently no consensus on the elements and what the nature of the final outcome should be; would it therefore not be better to work on a non-binding political declaration? In this regard, how can full ratification process and legal compliance mechanism be determined while there is no proper clarification?

Nonetheless, my delegation stands ready to participate in further discussions in this regard.

I thank you!