

**USA Intervention**  
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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The United States thanks the co-facilitators from Canada and Malawi for their sustained commitment to the CPR-based review process and the numerous hours needed to arrive where we are today.

From the United States point of view, we have taken note that many delegations wish to encourage greater coherence between UNEA resolutions and MEA governing body decisions. Throughout this process we have repeatedly provided input attempting to clarify the independent nature of MEAs while providing space for such coherence to be encouraged. The latest iteration of the draft document comes close to achieving that balance and thank the co-facilitators for the positive changes reflected in the revised document. Referring to the updated document provided for this agenda item, we suggest that number 8, letter (c) be consolidated with letter (e) given that it appears to be duplicative in its intent.

Mr. Chairman, we now come to the fundamental question: What is the next step? From the United States point of view we believe that the appropriate action and endorsement for this document would be for UNEA-5 to “take note” of the recommendations at the session of UNEA-5 to be held in February 2022.

At the outset of this process, we had hoped that the CPR-based review would yield very discreet and specific recommendations that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of UNEA and its subsidiary bodies. Indeed, UNEA 4/2 specifically calls for “concrete proposals.” The final document is quite long and it is difficult to determine what substantive impact on efficiency and effectiveness many of the suggestions will have. The final paper includes many high-level suggestions without providing concrete guidance on specific actions to be taken, who is responsible for the actions, timelines for achievement, etc. Without such details we cannot give the final paper any stronger endorsement than “taking note” of the work to date.

Finally we wonder if clarification on the way forward would help resolve the outstanding issues introduced by the co-facilitators.

Thank you very much Mr. Chair.