

**STATEMENT BY WELFARE TOGO**  
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4 (a) Taking stock of existing activities and action (resolution 4/6, para. 7 (a))

Chair

I am speaking on behalf of WELFARE TOGO a member of AHEG from the African Region.

We would like to thank the secretariat and the consultant for excellent work on this agenda item.

However we would like to take note of a few issues that are missing in the report and work of the consultant:

First is the fact that the study did not capture many actions on the upstream side therefore there is no good balance between downstream and upstream activities. For landlocked countries in Africa and other parts of the globe this will deny them the opportunity to learn about good practices from their counterparts. There is a need to take stock of more upstream actions. The same goes with international actions. The stocktaking has left out some significant international actions which are needed for the design of an effective global response.

Second, the main objective of the stocktaking exercise was to provide an overall picture of what is taking place in various parts of the globe and to provide an opportunity to learn about working as well as bad practices. To this effect the report from the consultants have not clearly provided info on what works and what does not work and

under which circumstances. There is a need for the consultant to provide such an analysis in the report that can easily be consumed by policy makers when making decisions.

Lastly we note with concern the misuse of this report as a tool for favoring one response option notably the legally binding treaty. This assignment was not intended to show success or failure of existing actions but to provide a general picture and to provide good as well as not so good actions as I have alluded earlier.

I thank you chair.