

Statement by Norway on agenda item 4, sub-item 5: Sequencing and recommended further work to be undertaken

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Norway is of the opinion that it is important to move quickly into treaty-making at INC2 in order to enable the necessary progress towards our 2024 goal.

In our view this necessitates the organisation of work into two separate contact groups, alternatively two separate work streams with one or several contact groups organised within each work stream.

Norway reiterates that the first group or work stream should be organised around the issues of objectives, general obligations, control measures, voluntary approaches and implementation measures, including NAPs, in line with section B, C & D in the Potential elements paper, UNEP/PP/INC.1/5.

The second group or work stream should concentrate on means of implementation, including capacity building; institutional arrangements; and other elements including stakeholder involvement, in line with section E, F, & G in the Potential elements paper, UNEP/PP/INC.1/5.

We recognize Delegations with funded participants may require that two delegates be funded per country in order to participate. Like others, Norway is ready to prioritise funding this.

Co-chair or facilitators for the contact groups should be identified well in advance of INC2 to enable their preparation for the work.