

Dear madam chair,

I deliver this statement supported by Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Serbia and Slovenia.

I would like to inform you and this plenary that countries in our region present in this meeting have used this week and our coordinations and beyond to engage in discussions to find solution on our candidates for the OEWG bureau.

While many countries would be able to choose and support two nominees to the bureau, we have exhausted all possible means to come to the consensus.

Therefore, we would like to ask you to help our region further engaging in preparations for next OEWG meeting by establishing a pragmatic solution for the intersessional period that would allow all countries in our region be informed and prepared for OEWG2.

Finally, we would like also to express appreciation to the secretariat who provided us support in having our meetings this week and also warmly thank the government of Thailand for their hospitality.

I thank you.