

Iran statement on **Functions**:

We think that elements of UNEA 5/8 resolution can be used for developing the functions of the SPP and further strengthened during the meeting. In this regard, the needs of developing countries including by capacity building, technical assistance, transfer of technology and financial assistance should be taken into account. Identification and facilitating of exchange of scientific knowledge and data is not sufficient and the means of implementation needs to be highlighted. Further, regarding assessment, the gaps need to be identified and proper options should be devised to address them.