Contact Group 2 Wednesday 13/12/23

Update from the co-facilitator to the Chair

The Contact Group met on Wednesday 13 December over three sessions to consider the Institutional arrangements, more specifically the Plenary, Bureau, Secretariat, Subsidiary Bodies and Financial Arrangements, and the Section D of INF.10 on the Evaluation of the operational effectiveness and impact of the Panel.

The contact group started with the text on Secretariat. The afternoon session dealt with evaluation of the operational effectiveness and impact of the Panel as well as the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee and other bodies, membership, and functions. Several subsidiary bodies were proposed with specific language.

There were some discussions on whether it was more constructive to list the key subsidiary bodies of the Panel, or whether it was better to leave the subsidiary bodies open to be defined by the Panel at a later stage and primarily highlight the potential functions of the future subsidiary bodies.

Co-facilitator of contact group 3 to collect views on the type of expertise that would be needed for subsidiary bodies, to deliver specific deliverables. relevant participants were invited to explain the institutional arrangements of other Science Policy Interfaces. The last session discussed the financial arrangements.

The meeting was closed at 9:20 and evaluated that the meeting was constructive and progress had been made. The outcome document as we progressed yesterday is uploaded on the website. More time will be needed by the contact group 2 to collect views and work in text proposals on the strategic partnerships and to consider the intersessional work towards OEWG3.