Report to plenary, 15 December 2023, Contact Group 4

The group met yesterday from 8.30 pm till 11.30 pm. We looked at the overview of requests for the intersessional work made by the other contact groups and we have updated this overview also benefitting from the presence of several co-facilitators from other contact groups.

Then, we performed the first reading of the document containing the instructions to the secretariat on what the secretariat should prepare in the intersessional period. We also started the 2nd reading and we managed to the clean up the text except for three paragraphs that are still open (B, C, E, now renumbered to 3, 4 and 6) and need to be finalized today. The secretariat uploaded the updated version of the document on the OEWG website.

As for the other part of the mandate of CG4 – budget, yesterday we recalled that there had been an informal meeting on budget related matters on Monday facilitated by prof Li., where questions have been clarified at that time already. As for today, the idea is to confirm in the contact group 4 that the group wishes to forward the budget document 7 rev 1 for endorsement by the Plenary.

The co-facilitators thank the participants for their constructive engagement in the meeting and also thank the secretariat for its support during the meeting.