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Reaction to “Draft for adoption”

- Allow me to start by thanking both of you and your teams for your hard work and creativity in preparing this draft.

- We note significant movement that was made in this document, and believe we are close to coming to a conclusion by tomorrow.

- However, we believe further slight improvements still need to be made.

On the Declaration,

- Like others, we cannot support qualifying human rights with the reference to “all internationally recognized” in paragraph 20.

- We have concerns regarding the reference to CBDR. Like the EU, for the sake of consensus, we would be prepared to consider one reference to this principle, in the paragraph on climate change. In regards to the two options you have proposed, we cannot accept paragraph 31. Paragraph 31 alt could be acceptable if in line with the Lima language.

- And as we have stated throughout this process, we continue to have concerns regarding the inclusion of language on foreign occupation.

On the goals and targets,

- We would have preferred the entire package of amendments to be included in the draft. It was a very modest proposal, but we appreciate the movement by our partners on this issue, and could accept the changes that have been proposed to the targets.

- Regarding the footnote referencing the OWG report, we agree with the EU that a simple reference is sufficient, without the bracketed text.
On chapter three on the means of implementation, we have consistently called for a much shorter version, perhaps no more than three or four paragraphs, with the FiD outcome attached as an annex, thereby avoiding having to try and renegotiate and condense a 134 paragraph outcome document into 10.

As regards the specific MoI paragraphs in the declaration, we continue to call for the deletion of the reference to a wide range of other supportive policies and measures on favourable terms, including preferential terms. We also think it important to add a reference to the effective use of financial resources in conjunction with their mobilization.

Finally, we continue to believe that the preamble can be an extremely important tool to help communicate our broad agenda. We have a preference for the alternative, shorter version, and could accept it as is.

We want to assure you of our continued commitment to achieve an outcome we can all be proud of by tomorrow.

Thank you, co-facilitators.