

Thank you, Madam, Chair,

We welcome the draft proposal on institutional arrangements set out in INF 10 and propose that it should be used as the starting point for discussions at this Contact Group.

We are of the view that we do not need to re-invent the wheel as we can look into the arrangements of both climate as well as biodiversity panels to get good inspiration.

We will provide some proposals for the improvement of this text.

We would also like to highlight that the mandate of UNEA 5.8 refers to the Rules of Procedure for the Panel and not exclusively of its plenary.

We support the establishment of a Contact Group to address this topic.

Thank you.