

Statement made by the delegate from Guatemala
IEG

Thank you madam Chair and good morning colleagues.

We would also like to offer our condolences to the people of new Zealand.

We thank you for the opportunity to offer our views regarding the draft decision on International Environmental Governance.

We believe that the Nairobi-Helsinki outcome contains valuable proposals that need to be further considered by member states. It is also important to they are submitted to the second prep com for UNCSD to be held on march 7th and 8th so that the UNEP discussions feed into the UNCSD process.

We agree with others that prolonging the current Consultative Group could result in running a parallel track that could be detrimental to the overall process.

At the same time, it is essential that we connect the discussions that were held here under the aegis of UNEP to those in NY. Thus far, the discussions at Prep Com1 and at the Intersessional have not focused on institutional framework for sustainable development, least on IEG.

For that reason we believe that the decision we adopt at this GC could request the ED from UNEP to organize a workshop in NY after prep com2 that would allow all countries to familiarize themselves with the Nairobi-Helsinki outcome and its links to the discussions on Institutional Framework on Sustainable Development for Rio + 20. In short, the decision that we will adopt needs to provide concrete guidance on how we, member states, would like to make this link with to the UNCSD process. We look forward to working constructively.

I thank you.

I thank you.