COMMENTS OF COLOMBIA

VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNANCE AND MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK

TOPIC: SUBSIDIARY AND AD HOC BODIES

Attending the call for electronic feedback made by the Virtual Working Group on Governance and Mechanisms to Support Implementation, to comment on subsidiary and ad hoc bodies, Colombia presents the following considerations. However, it is important to state that Colombia reserves the right to comment again on these points, taking into account that these working sessions are informal and that the country’s position may evolve according to the debates that are generated.

Regarding the first paragraph Colombia considers that the objective of the new framework is that it can cover issues and topics of special relevance, in particular those that are not covered by the current binding instruments.

In this line, Colombia proposes the following wording (However, we are flexible with both options):

1. The international conference should have the ability to establish subsidiary and ad hoc, time-limited groups to study and provide advice to the international conference on scientific, technical and/or policy issues not already [addressed in the framework of covered by] existing forums.

Concerning the second paragraph Colombia would like to express that establishing open-ended groups should be a decision that should make the International Conference case by case. If the International Conference decides to establish open groups, it is important that there is a strict policy that avoids conflicts of interest. Also, we consider essential to ensure a geographical balance and transparency in processes and decision-making.

About paragraph 2.a we agree with the text in brackets as well as with the reference to issues of concern.

Lastly, regarding paragraph 2.e Colombia considers that the efforts during the negotiations of the next Conference are directed to the achievement of the objectives and goals. It should be ensured that a clear process is established that allows their development once the new framework is adopted.

In addition, it should be ensured that the objectives and goals can have indicators, that is, although the indicators are not adopted, there must be a space for discussion to identify whether the goals are measurable.