

Despite divergent views on the next step to be taken by the working group, my Delegation think it is important that we stick, as much as possible, to the mandate of this Working Group as contained in the resolution that set up the process. Nigeria is a strong supporter of the global effort to fight climate change and address its negative impacts on our environment.

2. We can't denial the fact that a number of gaps were identified in the report of the secretary general. We also recognized that the gaps identified in the report we considered at this session were not exhaustive. We further note that Delegates have highlighted other gaps or challenges in the cause of this session.

3. Having considered the SG's report comprehensively, it is it is important to clearly outline the identified gaps and discuss possible options to address them. To this extent, My delegation support the agenda as proposed by the Co-Chairs, for the second substantive session. This is because my Delegation think that the Working Group cannot possibly discuss the gaps, agree on the possible solutions and reach consensus on recommendations to be taken to the General Assembly in one more substantive session.

4. From our perspective, it is important to move this process forward. My delegation is convinced that the ultimate aim of this working group is to better the environment by making constructive recommendation to addressing any identified gaps in international environmental law and environment-related instruments. If this is the case, and we hope it is, My Delegation urge the working group not to lose sight of this overarching objective.

5. I thank you.