

COMMENTS BY ASSOCIATION WELFARE TOGO REGARDING - 'Emerging consensual elements by the co-facilitators' under :

I. The preparation, working arrangements and scheduling of sessions of the UN Environment Assembly and of the objectives, preparation, working arrangements and the scheduling of meetings of its subsidiary body, namely the meeting of the Open-ended CPR and the regular and annual meetings of the subcommittee of the CPR. (Decision 4/2, subparagraph 10 (a))

General comment: For meaningful and effective Major Groups representation and participation the process should either include

- i. Financial and Technical Support should be extended for organization of stand-alone meetings of the Major Groups at Regional Level
- ii. Guarantee representation of Major Groups in meetings of the Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives
- iii. Representation of Major Groups in the Bureaus as is the case in the SAICM Bureau

Under 5: The issue is not only to balance different segments of the Assembly but to also to give more time for actual negotiations to take place. Our suggestion is for the secretariat to assess if a proposed side event adds value to the negotiation process and/or resolving contested issues.

Under 11: The current online participation is not participatory. There is no opportunity for people to speak or even to see the speaker. The system should be made more participatory.