

Co-facilitator.

Iceland, as explained at previous meetings, would like to include in the text the whole proposed package of what's essentially corrections put forward by co-facilitators in March. I think it's important to remember that it is a very modest package of technical amendments. Several states have shown significant flexibility already by not pushing for further revisions.

In particular, we insist on getting target 14.c right - if it helps we are flexible on which of the two suggestions from the current draft would be used.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I have to re-emphasize the importance of correcting the language on UNCLOS so as not to undermine this important instrument that took a lot longer to negotiate than the current process we are engaged in. Widely recognized as the codification of customary international law, UNCLOS remains very relevant to our discussions and must be correctly referred to.

Regarding the chapeau, we do think it would be non-sensical to have both a political declaration in our package as well as the OWG chapeau. We suggest as the UK has, to rather look into whether any substance therefrom might be sorely missed by anyone in the declaration.