

Thank you Chairman,

Mahmood Khwaja, Sustainable development Policy Institute (SDPI). We are based in Pakistan. Thank you also for allowing SDPI to make this intervention on behalf of ZMWG, an international network of 94 organizations in 52 countries.

The information exchange, monitoring, and reporting provisions should be viewed as the life blood of the convention. They are the means by which information circulates to those most affected, and in turn, how information will flow to the Secretariat and the COP on how well the treaty is working. We must view this provision carefully to ensure good circulation in both directions. Toward this end, our specific recommendation for article 22 is as follows:

In **Article 22**, out of the two reporting options presented, ZMWG prefers option 1 since option 2 is less clear about reporting obligations and thus may confuse, prolong and delay the reporting process and follow up implementation.

Thank you, Chairman

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