

Statement Sweden (04-09-2020), Second Preparatory Meeting CCM Review Conference CCM

Agenda Item 5b

Thank you Mr President for the floor.

To begin with, let me thank you for hosting the 2nd preparatory meeting. My delegation appreciates your inclusive and transparent approach.

In general, Sweden is supportive of the Lausanne Action Plan draft. Very briefly, I would like to make three comments.

Firstly, we support Germany's suggestion about making a reference to multilateralism and the rules-based world order. We believe this is important given the current times.

Secondly, we agree with other delegations about the need to recognise synergies with other conventions, especially bearing in mind the realities on the field. To delete such references would be unfortunate.

Finally, to respond to the comment made by one delegation, we want to stress the importance of referencing gender and diversity in this context. This cannot be deleted.

Thank you.

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Thank you Mr President for the floor and for this draft political declaration.

Sweden is aligned to statement just delivered by the European Union. Just to briefly add in a national capacity:

We believe that the focus should be forward looking and on the reaffirmation of our commitments to the convention. We look forward to the draft of paragraph 9, which we agree with you Mr President, is crucial. Universalisation of the convention is, just like for several other delegations, a key priority for us and could as such be placed earlier in the text. We believe that we should be ambitious and perhaps paragraph 18 could be tweaked to further highlight our ambition.

Thank you.