



Statement by the Group of 77 and china at the Resumed 55th session of the Preparatory Commission, 8 March 2021, delivered by H.E Ambassador Alejandro Solano Ortiz, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica

Mr. Chairperson,

1. The Group of 77 and China is pleased to see you, Ambassador Ivo Šrámek, conducting our work in this resumed 55th session of the Prepcom and would like to assure you of its full cooperation and support.
2. The Group reiterates its standing positions that have been stated in previous sessions of the Preparatory Commission and further reiterates that the Vienna spirit and the principle of consensus should prevail in any decision-making process.
3. The Group takes this opportunity to congratulate H.E Jalal ALASHI, Permanent Representative of the State of Libya who has been nominated by the African Group to be elected Vice Chairperson of the Prepcom for 2021.
4. The Group is also pleased to note that the Consultations on the appointment of the Chairperson of WGB have reached a consensus that respects the principle of geographical rotation and supports the appointment of Mr Erlan Batyrbekov from Kazakhstan as WGB's new Chairperson.
5. The Group would like to commend Ambassador Juan Francisco Facetti from Paraguay and Ms. Anne Strommen Lycke from Norway who accepted to withdraw their candidature in favour of consensus.
6. Finally, the Group takes this opportunity to assure you Mr Chairperson of its full support and cooperation.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.