

6 Chapeau and 6.1 Objectives

New Zealand Intervention

Thank you Madam Facilitator.

Like AOSIS, NZ would prefer to specify text on the obligation of states parties to promote cooperation in CBTT. We think that Option I should reference relevant UNCLOS provisions including Articles 266 and 268, as well as link to the overall objective of the agreement. We could support the additions suggested by the EU relating to regional and sub-regional organisations as per the Fish Stocks Agreement. We also seek clarification as to sub-paragraph 2, and what this would require states parties to do.

As to objectives, we agree with others who suggest elements of Option I and II of sub-paragraph (1) are not mutually-exclusive and can be merged. Like the EU, we could support the content of Option II under specific objectives, but consider a single provision on both general and specific objectives would suffice, and will consider the text the EU has suggested.

As for categories, we agree with AOSIS that sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) can be combined. We also support inclusion of text on a needs-based approach with a particular reference to SIDS.