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On Clearing House Mechanism

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Thank you Chair.

I take the floor on behalf of the DMUN Foundation.

We would like to first express our alignment to the position expressed by the distinguished representative for the Major Group for Children and Youth on the tasks and composition of the informal group.

We would like to provide our comments on the modalities for the operation of the clearing house mechanism.



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First, on the matters of the composition and the working methods of the informal group, we are of the view that the group should adequately support the inclusion of various experts that are representative of the wide multistakeholder nature of the BBNJ process.

Observer entities should be formally recognized as active contributions to the CHM, and rule 6 bis sub rule (d) should be further expanded to also include mandated seats for other rightsholders, aside from the three broad categories defined in the rule. This includes children, youth, and indigenous peoples. We believe that these rightsholders are “experts of lived experience”, and should not be classified into the existing three “categories of stakeholder participation” that the rule defines.

Second, on paragraph 11 for the modalities of observer participation in the Group, while we commend the current text of inheriting all observer entities mandated in resolution 78/272, we demand a more precise language that would outline the rights provided to observers. Namely, observers should be able to bring substantive contributions, including the ability to make interventions interspersed with members of the group.



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Third, we note that paragraph 17 provides that the established practice of the Preparatory Commission will apply mutatis mutandis to the CHM expert group.

We propose building on rule 47 of the rules of procedures to require that the Group publish and circulate summary records of meetings, including interventions from observers, in all UN official languages where feasible. In addition, webcasting through the UN WebTV system, or other platforms should be implemented to ensure complete transparency of the works of the group.

Finally, in reference to paragraph 2(a)(iii), which refers to the interoperability with existing platforms, we believe that the paragraph should be amended to mandate the application of common metadata standards and persistent identifier systems to ensure long-term accessibility and scientific reproducibility of information.

We thank you.