

There is agreement that this text is to be added to paragraph 1 of Section (A) on the International Conference under Section V on Institutional Arrangements. The agreed chapeau in that paragraph is noted below; the thematic group has not yet discussed which sub-paragraphs the text will become.

In considering this instrument and its implementation, the functions of the international conference will be:

- (xxx) To consider relevant outcomes from the work of the independent intergovernmental science policy panel that is the subject of UNEA resolution 5/8, once it is established;
- (xxx) To invite, as appropriate, the panel to provide [scientific information and assessments] [inputs on specific issues of concern adopted by the international Conference] [invite the panel to undertake work for the international Conference] for consideration by the Conference;

~~*The Conference may decide to establish ad hoc expert groups [whose composition will be based on geographical and gender balance] [in accordance with the rules of procedure] in order [to meet evidence needs] [to provide support to countries [and this Conference] seeking scientific information]. (to be combined in a function of International conference on subsidiary body)*~~