

Thank you, Madame Chair

Iran, Turkey and Colombia.

We would like to thank you for conducting our work in a very diligent manner and

2. Accordingly, as a second point, we also request that the language is taken out of the brackets. In order to have a universal instrument in which no State is left behind, the inclusion of this paragraph should not be optative. Most of the delegations that

China, have also requested – and I quote the G77 statement during the fourth PrepCom – *“neither participation in the negotiations nor their outcome may affect the legal status of non-parties to the Convention or any other related agreements with regard to those instruments, or the legal status of parties to the Convention or any other related agreements with regard to those instruments.”*

To conclude, Madame Chair, we believe that it is not possible to achieve a sound and internationally legitimate instrument through a process from which non-Parties to