



The Group of 77 and China are of a view that having a text-based document, in the language of a treaty, will be conducive to even more deliberative and substantive discussions; it will also allow member states to put their hands on areas of consensus, as well as identify the challenges ahead. This zero-draft document will certainly motivate delegations to elaborate and figure out new approaches and possible ways to bridge gaps and consider compromises. In this regard, we would like to see treaty articles throughout the text to allow us to move further into text-based

negotiations.

The Group of 77 and China trust your ability Madam President to fulfill the task of producing a negotiating text-based document to be circulated in a timely manner prior to the third substantive session of the Intergovernmental Conference.

There are one hundred thirty five days until the third session opens and it is our hope that by day