

## **CTG Meeting on 26 July 2021**

### **Regarding appointment of Chairs for the subsidiary bodies of CTG - Statement by India**

Chair, first of all, we would like to thank you for your statement and the explanation offered on the process. Chair, we have conveyed our concerns, both with respect to the specific committee for which India is interested and also the overall selection process to our interlocutors, namely the AGDC Chair, the outgoing CTG Chair and the GC Chair on various occasions. These concerns have never been addressed, and sometimes not communicated to the relevant interlocutors, which only created more confusion and frustration among Members. Therefore, my delegation is not in a position to accept the proposed slate of names for CTG Subsidiary bodies.

2. Chair, we are concerned that due to the deficiencies in the current system of selection process, we are likely to be in the same situation in the coming years. Therefore, we believe that it is high time we fix the problem by putting in place a robust system, to avoid recurrence of this scenario in the future. Therefore, at tomorrow's General Council Meeting, India would be making a statement on this issue that will highlight the shortcomings of the current system and our suggestion to strengthen it.

3. Therefore, we request patience of Members as well as their attention to the discussion on this issue at the GC tomorrow.

I thank you Chair.