

## **Australia**

Mr Co Chair

On the issue of moving to smaller break out groups I would like to comment in my national capacity.

I note the progress we have made in our current mode of work in better understanding the various proposals put forward by parties, which is critical in identifying areas of convergence.

I see a number of difficulties in moving to break outs at this stage. We haven't yet had an overall conversation on form. We are still bringing out the inter relationships between the elements. It is also beneficial that we are having a single conversation where hods can participate, which allows us to appreciate the importance of all the elements, determine their place and possibilities, and avoids us operating in silos.