

Consideration on Resolution on Item 15 (UNIDO and Small Islands Developing States)

“Thank you, Mr. President,

Brazil does not object the resolution.

However, I would like to register that during the discussion at the Main Committee, Brazil has raised a point about the wording of the preamble of this Resolution.

In order not to block the work of the Committee, Brazil joined the consensus to maintain the wording as it was discussed in Vienna, but we must call the attention of this Conference to very relevant considerations that must be in our minds for the future discussions on this matter.

The international regime to address the challenge of climate change is structured around the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the two specialized treaties derived from it, namely the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. Since the UNFCCC is the mother treaty, and the broadest one in terms of scope and membership, every reference to the regime should start by a mention to the UNFCCC. Therefore, in the resolutions titled "UNIDO activities in energy and the environment" and "UNIDO and small islands developing states (SIDS)", we consider it would have been more appropriately that reference be made to the UNFCCC before any mention to the Paris Agreement. We call on all parties to recognize the importance of seeing the regime in its entirety.

Thank you, Mr. President”