

**Statement of the Pew Charitable Trusts on the Precautionary Approach  
Meeting of the Council, Afternoon 26 February 2019**

Thank you, Madam President. I will be brief.

On reviewing the text in question -- ISBA/25/C/8 -- particularly Section Two of the document and the Annex attached to it -- we congratulate the Secretariat and appreciate its diligence. The Annex is a particularly excellent rendition of tasks and divisions of responsibilities.

Earlier today I criticized the earlier Secretariat paper on Standards and Guidelines. [ISBA/25/C/3] for both its vagueness and industry-centric view of adaptation. This paper, on the other hand, strikes us a helpful guide to a not-easy but necessary standard. The need for administrative capacity to routinize and enforce precaution is a separate challenge, and we very much appreciate the remarks just offered by DOSI in this regard.

Thank you, Madam President.