US Statement on Agenda Item 5

* We wish to thank the co-leads of the Informal Advisory Group, as well as the participants  – we found this process valuable to exchange ideas, learn the positions and rationales of other governments, and to identify where our interests and understandings converge.
* We especially appreciate the contributions of the stakeholders to this process.  Stakeholder engagement, especially from those that are generating, sharing, and using data, will be critical for developing solutions that work not just in theory but in practice.
* We would caution that proposed solutions that are too complicated, costly, create legal uncertainty, or create barriers for research and development would fail to deliver on expected benefits, and could impede or halt efforts to slow the loss of biodiversity.
* The United States supports exploring approaches to address DSI/GSD that will advance the three objectives of the Convention, and that can be implemented in a way that is mutually supportive of other international instruments that cover genetic resources.
* We want to reiterate our view that sharing of pathogens and pathogen genetic sequence data are best addressed in the context of ongoing processes under the World Health Organizations.