

Explanations about square bracketed text in the draft conclusions

Square brackets have been used in the draft conclusions extensively.

Two situations must be distinguished for the purposes of the amendment process.

Situation 1

A slash in the text indicates two alternatives options. In this case, you need to submit an amendment to express your preference.

For instance, in paragraph 3:

[The lack of decent work opportunities reflects] / [there is]

you may wish to submit an amendment proposing the deletion of the words “there is”, which implies that you want to retain the other option.

Situation 2

Square bracketed text without slash (“/”) simply indicates that there has been no consensus in the drafting group. This does **not** affect in any manner the submission of proposed amendments.

For instance in paragraph 10 (c):

Promoting [full and productive employment and decent work] [both the quality and quantity of employment], while ensuring adequate protection to workers [and their rights] [and employers' rights].

if you want to retain the text in its entirety, there is no need to submit an amendment (just disregard the square brackets).

If, on the contrary, you want to amend any word or groups of words, you need to submit an amendment as per standard practice.