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US Interests & Engagements in Environmental Protection in Latin America

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USG International Environmental Interests, Generally



- National Security
- Effective Bilateral Relations
- Economic Opportunity
 - ◆ Creating a favorably setting for investment and trade for U.S. interests
 - ◆ Importance of level playing field
- Advancing International Environmental Priorities
- Protecting Against Encroachment And Advancing U.S. Modalities

Multi-Dimensional Solution



Formula for Addressing
These Interests:

- Effective Environmental Governance and Environmental Rule of Law



Building Blocks for Environmental Governance and Rule of Law

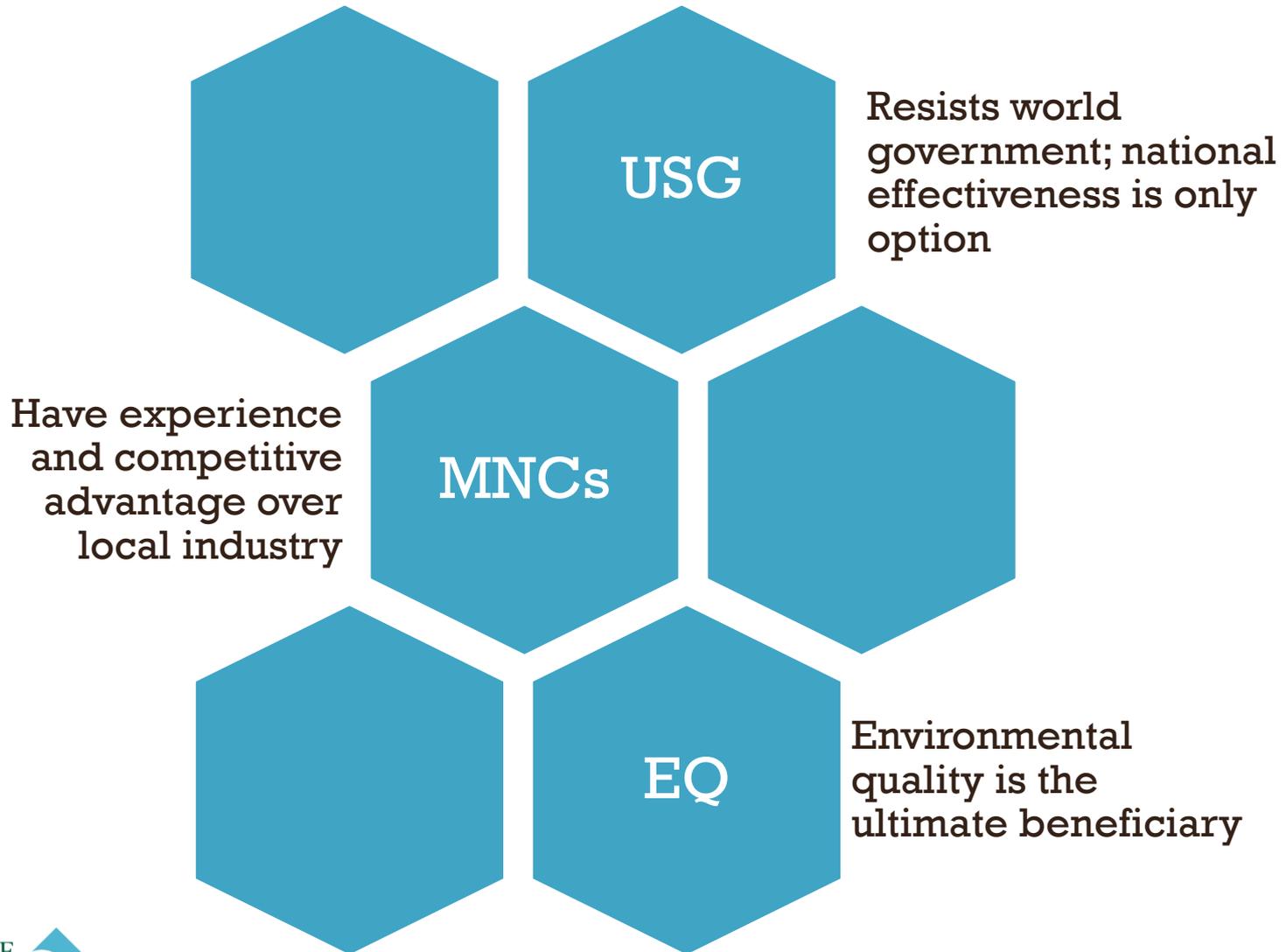


UNEP Governing Council Decision 27/9 recognizes a number of “mutually supporting governance features”, including

- *information disclosure*
- *public participation*
- *implementable and enforceable laws . . .*
- *implementation and accountability mechanisms. . .*
- *coordination of roles. . .*
- *environmental auditing, and*
- *criminal, civil and administrative enforcement*
- *with timely, impartial and independent dispute resolution*



Converging Interests



Thank You!



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