

**SINGAPORE'S INPUT TO AGENDA ITEM 3 OF THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP MEETING,
16 FEB 2017**

[As delivered]

- Thank you Madam Chair and good morning to all.
- We would like to have some of our initial thoughts to the note prepared by the Secretariat on the Structure and Organisation of UNEA-3.
- And thank you to the Secretariat for preparing this useful note as a basis for today's discussion.

- We support the recommendations jointly undertaken by the CPR and UNEA bureaus as reflected in the Secretariat's note.
- We are pleased to see that lessons from UNEA-2 are generally reflected in the recommendations.

- Regarding the two proposed scenarios on the structure and organisation of UNEA, our preference is for scenario one.
- Scenario one suggests a more effective time management of discussions and is a cleaner programme as compared to scenario two.
- This is because scenario one would allow officials to focus on wrapping up discussions in the Committee of the Whole on the first day of UNEA-3.
- This would discourage any delay in completing discussions by the Committee of the Whole.
- So by the time when ministers arrive for the High Level Segment on the second day of UNEA-3, most of the officials-level negotiations are expected to be completed.
- Ministers could thereafter focus on what they have been set out to do at UNEA-3 – to engage in meaningful high-level discussions and work towards delivering their political commitment in tackling pollution.

- We agree with the delegation of Mexico on the need for the Secretariat to circulate the structure of the OECPR in good time.
- This could help delegations prepare effectively for OECPR.

- In terms of outcomes, we agree with the delegation of the EU that it is useful for UNEA-3 to give attention to transboundary nature of pollution and the need to urgently act on this issue.
- This is an important issue given that pollution knows no national boundaries.

- These are some of our initial views. We are still consulting internally and intend to provide further input.
- We will be submitting our comments today to the Secretariat to be uploaded to the CPR website.
- Thank you.