

Second Joint Preparatory Retreat of the Bureaux  
of the UN Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives  
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**Note by the Secretariat on Voluntary Commitments  
towards a Pollution-Free Planet**

The Secretariat is pleased to present a draft template for voluntary commitments by governments. It will support discussion under Agenda item 5: Main recommendations from the Executive Director's Background Report on Pollution, at the Second Joint Preparatory Retreat of the bureau of the UN Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to be held on 9 to 10 June 2017.

Members of both bureaux are invited to provide comments to the Secretariat on the draft template for voluntary commitments.

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## Voluntary Commitments towards a Pollution-Free Planet

### Draft template for governments

- The template will be made available for stakeholders to be able to enter their commitments online, and downloadable as a word/excel document as needed.
- Please indicate if there is any restriction for this commitment or information contained in this template to be made public

**Lead entity type** <choose from list>

1. Government
2. Other (please specify e.g. law enforcement entity, parliamentarians, etc)

**Geographical scope** <choose from list>

1. National
2. Provincial
3. Local
4. Other (please specify

**Specify geographical scope, as relevant**

**Contact Information** (required for follow up) (including name, address and email contacts)

**The UN Environment’s Executive Director’s background report for UNEA3 identifies a number of key gaps, which, if addressed, will enable transformative actions and interventions towards a pollution-free planet.**

**Voluntary commitments are invited on addressing any of the below.**

1. Information and awareness on pollutants, sources, and impacts
2. Data generation, collection, and open access on key pollutants
3. Pollution regulation, enforcement & monitoring
4. Pollution management infrastructure (example: solid waste collection, wastewater treatment facilities, etc.)
5. Disclosure requirements from industry on pollution from activities
6. Investment in capacity, funding opportunities, and technologies to manage pollution
7. Investment in Research and Development to create environmentally safe alternatives to known pollutants
8. Inclusion of pollution costs in pricing, decision-making
9. Social impact assessment of pollution risks
10. Incentives for environmentally sustainable production & consumption patterns: (example: consumer information: ecolabelling, product life span information, taxes, permits, other)
11. Investing in sustainable alternatives (e.g. mobile phone repair shops; sharing mobility)
12. other (please specify)

**Title/name of voluntary commitment**

**Description of commitment up to 500 words** *(possibility to attach documents)*

**Please specify time frame of expected outcomes under commitments:**

- 2020
- 2025
- 2030

**Will the entity monitor the commitment? If yes please indicate how the monitoring will be done**

**What type of resources will be mobilized to deliver on the commitment?**

Resources can be financial and non-financial (e.g. partnerships, capacity-building, legal, technology transfer, advocacy, other).

**What support can UN agencies/UN Environment provide in taking the pollution-free agenda forward?**