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## **2018.11.30 SWITZERLAND - Feedback on Zero Draft of the Ministerial Outcome Document**

Dear Mr. Löhmus

We thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Zero Draft of the Ministerial Outcome Document.

Switzerland considers it important to continue the practice of having a ministerial outcome at UNEAs, possibly a ministerial declaration, so that ministers can take the necessary strategic decisions and provide input to other processes.

In the attached document you will find detailed comments and suggested track changes to the document. Here, we want to synthesize the overarching feedback with respect to the zero draft.

- We welcome and would like to support strongly that the main areas addressed in this draft consider the access and use of environmental data. It speaks to the important science-policy interface, and targets one of the core mandates of UNEP, i.e. to keep to environment under review.
- It is also advisable to refer to and empower through this ministerial declaration UNEP's own processes and products that are already in place. In this regard, please ensure that SCP is reflected holistically, encompassing the full spectrum of the 10YFP/One Planet Network. In addition, the internationally agreed environmental goals, and the important assessments, including the Global Environmental Outlook, are to be highlighted in the outcome document.


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- We support the approach of a tangible and action-oriented ministerial declaration. We are, however, of the opinion that this current draft must be striving for balance between ambition and realism.
- To be able to speak to all crucial areas under the theme, we believe that some of the concepts are missing. When addressing resource management, and talking about big infrastructure projects, good governance of natural resources and raw materials must find a place in this declaration.

Switzerland is looking forward to continuing working under the leadership of the Presidency towards a strong ministerial declaration.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosures:

- Line-by-line Feedback on the Zero Draft

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