Singapore’s comments to the outline of the Ministerial Outcome Document (MOD) for UNEA-4.

The outline of the Ministerial Outcome Document (MOD) for UNEA-4 is a good document and can serve as a useful basis to prepare the zero draft of the MOD. We can go along with the general thrust of the three main priorities identified, as they are important and can help address the critical issues under the theme of UNEA-4. In particular, promoting a circular economy, sound waste management systems as well as sustainable land management are important to the theme of UNEA-4. It is also important to highlight that the responsibility in coming up with innovation environmental solutions and achieving sustainable consumption and production does not rest with national governments alone, but with partnerships from the private sector, international organisations, civil society and individuals.

At the same time, we will need to bear in mind that the draft should recognise different national circumstances and that there should be flexibility in the draft to include a variety of solutions that can suit different circumstances. Such language will help provide space and comfort for countries so that they can more readily come on-board with the draft.

We look forward to receiving the zero draft and will provide our relevant comments.