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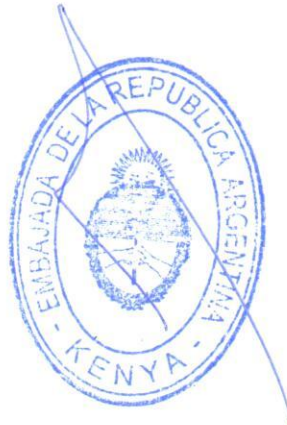
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The Embassy of the Argentine Republic presents its compliments to the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)–Secretariat of Governing Bodies – and in reference to Note Verbale UNEP/14/18 dated 4th September 2018, has the honour to reiterate and resend the comments made by Argentina on the Draft Outline of the Ministerial Outcome document from H.E. Mr. Siim Kiisler, Minister of Environment of Estonia and President of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

The Embassy would very much appreciate if the comments made by Argentina could be reflected on the official website of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

The Embassy of the Argentine Republic avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) –Secretariat of Governing Bodies – the assurances of its highest consideration.

Nairobi, 19th September 2018



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Draft Outline Document for the Ministerial Outcome Document of the 2019 UN Environment Assembly

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“Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production”

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Vision: To develop partnerships towards sustainable and innovative societies and build upon the theme of pollution with focusing on innovative solutions to key environmental challenges, building on outcomes from previous sessions of the Environment Assembly.

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The political message from the Ministers will be informed by the 6th Global Environment Outlook report on key environmental challenges as well as the report of the International Resource Panel on the global status of resource efficiency.

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Main priority 1: Ensure the transparency, accountability and comparability of global environmental data and develop science-policy-business partnerships on innovative data technologies and digital solutions.

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- Establish comprehensive environmental monitoring systems (including citizen observations and satellite monitoring) to improve data collection and foster cross-border environmental monitoring data exchange; (for example in the form of pilot projects on establishing global real-time air quality, and deforestation monitoring systems and pollutant releases and transfer register).
- Ensure everyone has a fair and, whenever where possible, electronic access to environmental data and develop secure and accessible monitoring databases, including application software (APP).
- Develop digital solutions to gain better knowledge on global resource use and productivity, including introducing global product information factsheets in order to allow governments and citizens to make informed decisions.
- Engage regions, countries, and municipalities, NGOs, academic institutions and citizens to in the process of collecting and analyzing environmental data; and developing technologies and making science accessible to all, and apps and make scientific discoveries through citizen science.
- Enhance integrated use and analysis of environmental data from various sources (smart devices, mobile applications, environmental monitoring and research).

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- Develop global environmental data policy and common data standards, taking into account existing monitoring schemes.

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Main priority 2: Foster sustainable and efficient resource management by promoting a long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategy, taking into account the common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities of each country, in the light of different national circumstances; as well as decarbonisation, the detoxification and decoupling of resource use, to enhance ecosystem resilience and protection of the planet's natural systems.

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- Accelerate the transition towards circular economies and the application of life-cycle approaches for sustainable materials management, in a manner that fosters economic growth, improves competitiveness, creates jobs and safeguards social benefits.
- Foster innovative governance mechanisms that integrate circular economy principles and frameworks into national policies.
- Enhance Fully the implementation of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production.
- Maximize the benefits of sound waste management with the special focus on food, plastics and marine litter.
- Promote sustainable land management to maintain soil health, ensure food security and combat desertification.

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- Introduce global product sustainability criteria to stimulate the market for secondary raw materials and sustainable products.
- Accelerate and activate sustainable and innovative financing opportunities and ensure transparent funding of eco-innovative solutions.
- Develop a Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) beyond 2020 to ensure non-toxic material cycles, and healthier and sustainable products and environmental sound management of waste.
- Commit to accelerate the implementation of the Aichi Targets and consider a new time frame going beyond 2020, to improve the health of the world's ecosystems.
- Strengthen innovation in nature based solutions and green infrastructure to enhance ecosystem resilience and preserve the contribution of nature to people.
- Improve the quality and efficiency of the assessments of environmental impact of the industries, guaranteeing the analysis of sustainable alternatives.
- Encourage the development of environmental assessments of productive policies.

Main priority 3: Support robust engagement of civil society, citizens and academia in promoting innovative approaches for meeting global environmental challenges and sustainable production and consumption.

- Allocate adequate resources to research and development to drive innovation for the environment.
- Ensure access to basic and environmental education worldwide and promote sustainable lifestyles through a wider uptake of innovative approaches in education.
- Identify and promote the wider application of scientific and indigenous knowledge about environmentally friendly practices.
- Support the creation of new, innovative business opportunities to eradicate poverty and establish the infrastructure for new greener of a sustainable economy.
- Engage citizens in improving their local urban environment, green sustainable infrastructure and nature based solutions.
- Promote and raise awareness for sustainable tourism.

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