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Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Edgar,

Through this letter, I would like to thank you for your invitation to send inputs for the Outline Document with the initial points to be considered in the Ministerial Declaration of the third United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-3).

In this regard, I would like to express our general agreement with the contents highlighted on the proposed document. The Ministry of Environment of Chile would like to propose some comments on the aspects we deem relevant to be considered in the Zero Draft Document of the Ministerial Declaration.

We are pleased to inform our enthusiastic disposition to keep contributing in this process and we are confident on the achievement of a positive outcome with our counterparts.

Yours cordially,



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Inputs from Chile

The Ministry of the Environment of Chile has the pleasure to refer to the letter sent by Dr. Edgar Gutierrez-Espeleta, President of the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA-3), requesting inputs and suggestions for the Draft Outline Document for the Ministerial Outcome Document of the 2017 UN Environment Assembly: "Towards a Pollution-Free Planet".

In this regard, we would like to affirm our support for a Ministerial Declaration of UNEA-3 through consensus, as one of the main outcomes of the meeting, and our agreement on the general vision, challenges and opportunities proposed in the Draft Outline Document.

In order to contribute to this process, and given the call of reaching a coherent, concise and action - oriented statement, we would like to propose the following concrete steps and actions:

- In relation to the step for substantially improve air quality in cities within levels for human consumption; we propose 2026 as the target year to achieve this objective.
- Encouraging a swift and complete implementation of regional agreements related to information access, public participation and access to justice in environmental affairs, specifically the Declaration on the Application of Principle 10 of the Declaration of Rio on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. This is directly related to the point 5 of the Vision: "Peace, security and stability will help us promote inclusive societies, which respect human rights and gender empowerment, as well as the environment".
- Requesting governments to commit on the reduction of the production and consumption of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) through concrete means, such as the ratification of the Kigali Amendment of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, considering pollutants like hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are not only dangerous greenhouse gases, but also they have a prejudicial impact on human health and ecosystems.

