

Ministerial Outcome Document Zero Draft
UNEA - 3
Inputs from Chile

- The Ministry of the Environment of Chile has the pleasure to refer to the letter sent by H.E. Dr. Edgar Gutierrez – Espeleta, President of the UN Environment Assembly, on 3 July 2017, inviting to provide inputs and suggestions for the Zero Draft of the Ministerial Outcome Document of the Third UN Environment Assembly (UNEA – 3), according to the roadmap of 2017.
- We congratulate the initiative of H.E. Dr. Gutiérrez – Espeleta on the proposal of this Zero Draft, as the first step in order to start this communications in an inclusive process for all members. In general, we agree on the contents of the Ministerial Outcome Document, and we welcome this proposition.
- We reaffirm our commitment in working on a consensus that will lead to the signing of a Ministerial Declaration during UNEA-3 by all parties, as the most important outcome of this conference, which will serve as a guideline for the international environmental agenda on the subject of pollution in the following years. We believe an agreement can be achieved, as it is a matter that affects us as a planet equally, and our efforts will be oriented to fulfill this objective.
- In order to keep contributing in this important process, we would like to comment on this first draft and suggest some remarks in key matters:

1. Comments of the first paragraph:

- We appreciate and agree in general with the form of the first paragraph, as it is an original effort on signaling the problem of pollution as one that affects the population of our countries equally, reflecting the importance on phasing out pollution as a positive measure for all. Having this point into account, we have questions on the following points:
 - i.* The criteria of the case selection mentioned in the paragraph.
 - ii.* The criteria on the regional selection, as some of them are not mentioned in the paragraph, Central America and Oceania as examples.
- Given these observations, we believe general cases related to pollution can be mentioned that affect the planet as a whole in comparison with particular cases (for example, plastic waste in the North and South Pacific Ocean).

2. Comments on the fourth paragraph:

- On the first sentence, we would like to add, after: *“everyone on this planet has an equal right to live in a clean environment”*, the sentence: *“regardless of the region, country, city or town they live, the income they receive, gender, age, and any other consideration”*.

3. Comments on the fifth paragraph:

- At the end of the paragraph, after the sentence: *“Yet it is still the poorest and most vulnerable people in society who are disproportionately affected; often paying the price for the action of the wealthiest”* we propose the addition of the following phrase: *“A greener economy is possible”*.

4. Comments on the sixth paragraph and subparagraphs:

- We propose a new first subparagraph: *“Taking all the necessary measures to address pollution at every level in order to protect the health and lives of all people, ensuring the protection of the environment and natural resources and the incremental development of a green, sustainable and growing economy, with the aspiration of achieving a pollution free planet”*.
- At the end of the first (now second) subparagraph, we propose to add the following sentence: *“Taking into account the different capacities amongst countries in terms of data development and collection, a greater cooperation at a multilateral and bilateral level through means such as exchange of experiences and technology transfer is essential and should be encouraged”*.
- At the end of the second (now third) subparagraph, we propose the following addition: *“Accession, ratification, implementation and compliance of environmental agreements related to pollution and sound management of chemicals and waste already agreed at a multilateral level may be fostered amongst parties”*.
- At the end of the fourth (now fifth) subparagraph, we propose to add the following sentence: *“The efforts to fulfill this commitment should be oriented by the targets set in Goal 11 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”*.
- We propose a new sixth subparagraph: *“Seeking to find policy convergence between global climate change mitigation initiatives and local pollution prevention policies. Double dividend solutions that mitigate climate change and*

improve local environmental conditions are not only possible but essential for a global agenda”.

- At the end of the sixth (now eighth) subparagraph, after: *“This will be achieved by supporting institutions and building capacity; bolstering monitoring and accountability systems; and sharing best practices, standards, policy instruments and tools”*, we propose the following addition: *“Regional, national, subnational and local initiatives to promote access to information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters should be encouraged as an essential institutional part in pollution control and reduction”*.