

“Business and Industry Major Group Comments to UNEA

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Business welcomes the opportunity to participate in UNEA 3 and in particular the chance to partner in the Science/Policy/Business Forum and to organise a Business Symposium yesterday on business' efforts to #beatpollution

The Business and Industry Major Group has come together this year under the banner of the Global Business Alliance for the Environment to reflect our commitment to play our role and meet our responsibilities in helping achieve the SDGs and move towards a pollution free planet.

Achieving the SDGs in synergy with the EUNA outcomes will require collaborative actions between all societal actors. All business sectors can bring experience, knowhow and innovative capacity to this venture.

We need tailored specific responses to each source of pollution, reflecting economic and social circumstances. Business emphasises the importance of building national capacity and infrastructure to address pollution through sound regulation and management, stimulating innovation and seeking pragmatic policy options and partnerships.

Business is working to reduce pollution and improve sustainability. The numerous research initiatives, multilateral, regional and global processes, and guidelines, activities and outcomes should be strengthened and complemented by UNE and UNEA activities

Business in its diversity is a critical part of solutions and investment, and is ready to work with governments and other stakeholders to act on UNEA outcomes to reduce pollution and associated risks – lets identify practical solutions and policies and get to work. To quote Dr. Jian Liu, We are going green and theres no going back.