

QUESTIONNAIRE

Based upon the input received, the following guiding questions are set out below.

I. Guiding questions concerning the preparatory process

1. The outcome reads: “Forward these recommendations to UNEA for its consideration”.

- a. *Under which agenda item should UNEA 5 consider these recommendations?*
- b. *One option being under the inclusion in the already established item 5 of the provisional agenda entitled “International environmental policy and governance issues” or by recommending the establishment of a new item?*

Chile considers that these recommendations could be under item 5 of the provisional agenda, since they address an issue that is related to that item 5. Without prejudice, Chile would not oppose consensus, if countries prefer to be considered as a new item of agenda.

2. The outcome mandates: “to prepare, at its fifth session (...) a political declaration (...):

- a. *What level of detail should a text have in order to be considered by UNEA 5?*

Chile believes that a text should address in the substantive terms agreed by countries both at the last meeting of the Facilitative Working Group (mandated by UNGA resolution 72/277) as well as in New York, pursuant to resolution 73 / 333

- b. *When should the “preparation of a political declaration” begin and what should be the recommended format, leadership and timeline of the preparatory process before UNEA 5?*

Chile believes that from the second half of 2020 it is a reasonable time to begin preparing the political declaration. It is important to have preparatory meetings at UNEP for this purpose. Periodicity and leadership is something that countries should agree on at the first preparatory meeting.

- c. *How can accredited stakeholders be involved, and member States without representation in Nairobi participate, in the process?*

Chile's position is to seek to adopt the measures that allow the greatest possible participation of the different actors involved in this process. In this regard, a fund must be guaranteed to finance delegates from developing countries without representation in Nairobi.

II. Guiding questions related to the a “United Nations high-level meeting [...] in the context of the context of the commemoration of the creation of UNEP

3. The outcome speaks about “a United Nations high-level meeting, subject to voluntary funding, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (...).”

- a. *What is meant by “a United Nations high-level meeting, subject to voluntary funding, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment”?*

We believe that it refers to a high level event at the United Nations, which is led by Foreign Ministers or Environment Ministers.

- b. *Who is expected to convene the UN high-level meeting? What should its format be?*

Chile is on the view that the UN high-level meeting should be convened by the President of the General Assembly.

The format should be “general debate” with list of speakers.

III. Guiding questions regarding the content of the political declaration and the support by the UNEP Secretariat

4. **The outcome also signals that the objective of the political declaration is “with a view to strengthening the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance, in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”.**

- a. *what ‘elements’ or ‘building blocks’ in the objectives guiding the recommendations and in the substantive recommendations contained in the Annex to Resolution 73/333 could be identified for inclusion in the political declaration to achieve the overall objective of “strengthening the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance, in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on*

Sustainable Development”?

Chile considers that the political declaration must contain the elements that generate consensus without opening other issues. In this regard, the terms must be in line with what was agreed by countries both at the last meeting of the Facilitative Working Group (mandated by UNGA resolution 72/277) as well as in New York, pursuant to resolution 73 / 333

- b. How should the political declaration relate to the five objectives guiding the recommendations and to the thirteen substantive recommendations of the ad-hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to UN General Assembly resolution 72/277 and endorsed in UN General Assembly resolution 73/333?*

We believe that the five objectives and the thirteen recommendations could be summarized in the political declaration. If not feasible, they should be fully incorporated as an annex to the political declaration.

- c. Should there be a substantive connection between the political declaration and the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment?*

Chile believes that it is a good opportunity to link both issues, considering the coincidence in the year.

- d. How should the political declaration be in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development?*

To achieve this it is important to emphasize that the sustainable development goals are a starting point, or inspiring source of this political declaration.

- e. What kind of inputs should the Secretariat prepare in order to best assist member States in the preparation of the political declaration?*

The Secretariat could prepare a draft on the basis of what was agreed by the countries both at the last meeting of the Facilitative Working Group (mandated by UNGA resolution 72/277) as well as in New York, under resolution 73/333.