

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?*

No Objection.

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?*

It is suggested that the political declaration should be general in its nature, avoid technical details, and send a positive and inspirational message to the general public.

- 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?*

The preparation should begin in the second half of 2020 instead of a protracted long process with a clear deadline before OECPR-5 so that member states could use time effectively and efficiently before OECPR-5 and UNEA-5.

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

The secretariat shall set up an inclusive consultation process (eg. online participation, written inputs, et al.), while bear in mind that this is an intergovernmental process.

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

Recommendations shall be provided by member states on a consensual basis.

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”?*
- 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?*
- 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?*
- d. *How should the political declaration be in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development?*
- e. *What kind of inputs should the Secretariat prepare in order to best assist member States in the preparation of the political declaration?*

It is recommended that the elements of the outcome document include the following 3 areas

1. To comprehensively review the challenges and capacity deficit encountered by developing countries during the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance, and provide policy recommendations for further actions.

2. To emphasize the responsibilities of developed countries in resource mobilization, technology transfer and providing assistance to the capacity building of developing countries requested by various Multiple Environmental Agreements (MEAs), while welcoming other countries to do so within their capacities.

3. To emphasize that UNEP played an essential role in the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance, and that priority should also be given to the capacity building of UNEP itself.