WFP thanks the Secretariat of Governing Bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme for the opportunity to review the documents related to the upcoming informal substantive consultation on UNGA resolution 73/333. WFP has the following comments, with particular reference to Recommendation 18, which it would welcome being made available to other parties.

“As a UN organization that delivers humanitarian assistance and implements development programmes in many countries that face multiple environmental risks, and conscious of the links between a healthy environment and zero hunger, WFP values UNEP’s leadership and coordination across many areas of UN entities’ environmental action. Coordination in the area of international environmental law and environment-related instruments is particularly helpful in providing all stakeholders with a consolidated basis for action.

As a long-standing member of the UNEP-led Environment Management Group, WFP also supports strengthening UNEP’s capacity to coordinate efforts to formulate UN system-wide strategies on the environment. A significant example of such coordination, delivered through UNEP’s Sustainable UN and the Environment Management Group, is Phase I of the Strategy for Sustainability Management in the UN System, 2020-2030, approved by the Chief Executives’ Board in May 2019.

More broadly and in line with Recommendation 18, WFP supports UNEP’s role in enabling UN-wide and humanitarian sector efforts to enhance the sustainability of UN policies, programmes and operations.

In addition, WFP looks to UNEP to continue to advocate a strong science-policy interface, to disseminate evidence-based environmental information, and to raise public awareness on critical and emerging environmental issues.”