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To

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United Nations Environment Programme

Subject: The proposals for an updated draft outline document for the ministerial declaration

I would like to send some proposals on how to further develop the draft outline document of the ministerial declaration for the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5) with the theme of “Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”.

In this regard, to be a focused and impactful ministerial declaration for UNEA-5, the draft outline document should include the following:

- Ministers can support awareness raising activities for the community concerning Sustainable Consumption and Production, the Circular Economy, Climate Change and Sustainable Food Systems because environmental awareness is one of the components of strengthening sustainable development in any country.
- Ministers can enforce the adoption of legal and policy frameworks for sustainable agriculture and sustainable food systems in order to achieve sustainable consumption and production.
- Ministers can promote research and development, and build a vibrant community of practice around green growth that promotes transparency and learning through participation in the global data sharing platform.
- Ministers can accelerate and activate sustainable, green and innovative financing opportunities to grow the green economy.

- Ministers can promote a sustainable economic recovery package, and rehabilitation process for education and health problems in the post-pandemic world.
- Since agriculture, aquaculture and the livestock industry involve the direct implementation and uses of ecological services, necessary and sufficient action needs to be prepared\_ e.g. “Action Plan for the Pandemic of a Zoonotic Disease Outbreak”\_ to avoid pandemics from disease transmission from this husbandry to humans within the member countries, this will require further discussion and negotiations alongside the evidence of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Sincerely yours,

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