

INPUTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE DOCUMENT FOR THE MINISTERIAL OUTCOME DOCUMENT OF THE 2021 UN ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY

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Our comments and suggestions for consideration are as follows:

a) Vision

On the vision,

- Ecology and economy must be considered together. Only the fundamental transformation of our economic system can make the vision become reality.

b) Green Recovery

- Ministers should promote a comprehensive investment program to support green economic transformation in the post COVID-19 recovery

General Comments

- The focus of the outline document lies strongly on biodiversity. In contrast, it could focus on the economic aspects as ecology and economy are interrelated and without a transformation of the economic system, biodiversity conservation will not be possible.

- The Ministerial declaration can call for enhanced stakeholder engagement in UNEA and implementation of resolutions. Strengthening actions for nature to achieve SDGs requires a multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach to ensure a coherent, cohesive and sustainable process and interventions.
- Ministers can highlight the importance of enhanced communication to all stakeholders through collaboration with national governments and non-state actors.