

Letter to Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies and Accredited Stakeholders from the Co-Facilitators on the roadmap for implementation of UN General Assembly resolution 73/333

Excellencies and dear colleagues,

In advance of our expected briefing to the Fifth Open Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives which will prepare the online session of UNEA-5, we are pleased to provide you with an update on the informal consultations under the auspices of the CPR on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277”.

As you may recall the first informal substantive consultation on resolution 73/333 was held virtually in July 2020. The purpose of the first meeting was to initiate discussions and preparations for a draft Political Declaration. It was agreed that the Co-Facilitators would prepare a document on the building blocks of the draft Political Declaration. We circulated a first draft of the [building blocks on 7 October 2020](#).

The second informal substantive consultation on resolution 73/333 was originally planned virtually for 3-5 November 2020. However, at our request, that was initially made at the 7th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the CPR, the CPR Bureau decided on 23 October 2020 to postpone the second informal consultation to a date to be further defined in June 2021, with a view to allow for in-person consultations. The Bureau also requested the Secretariat to identify options for the date considering the possibility of having in-person meetings and the calendar of international environment meetings.

To this end, we are pleased to share our proposed roadmap for the upcoming consultations and meetings which we intend to share during our briefing to the OECPR. In line with that roadmap, and subject to Member States support we would kindly request comments on the draft building blocks of the Political Declaration by no later than 15 March 2021. We will then circulate a revised draft by no later than the beginning of May 2021. We envisage the second informal substantive consultation taking place between 15-17 June 2021.

Finally, Member States have agreed that due to COVID – 19, the 5th session of the UN Environment Assembly will be divided into an online session in February 2021 and a resumed in-person session in February 2022. Accordingly, we are pleased to inform you that the procedural decision that will be adopted by the 5th session in February 2021 that will address the adjournment and resumption of the 5th session will also contain a provision deferring preparation of the draft Political declaration to the substantive resumed session in February 2022.

Sincerely yours,

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ROADMAP AHEAD FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 73/333

Date	Activity	Background/documentation
November 2020 – March 2021	The Co-Facilitators will consult informally with Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies, regional/political groups as well as civil society and the Secretariats of Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs).	Draft building blocks of the Political Declaration – first draft
15-19 February 2021	The Co-Facilitators will provide a progress update on the informal consultations to the Fifth Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives.	
22 – 23 February 2021	Adoption of a procedural decision by the UN Environment Assembly at its 5 th session, that includes deferring preparation of the draft political declaration to the resumed session of the UN Environment Assembly in February 2022.	Draft decision on the adjournment and resumption of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.
15 March 2021	Deadline for the submission of written comments to the draft building blocks of the Political Declaration.	
Beginning of May 2021	Circulation by the Co-facilitators of the revised draft building blocks of the Political Declaration	Draft building blocks of the Political Declaration – second draft.
May and beginning of June 2021	The Co-Facilitators will consult on the revised draft with Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies, regional/political groups, civil society and the Secretariats of MEAs.	Draft building blocks of the Political Declaration – second draft.
15-17 June 2021	The second informal substantive consultation on resolution 73/333	Draft building blocks of the Political Declaration – second draft.