



Implementation of UN General Assembly resolution 73/333

Draft Building Blocks of a Political Declaration

Comments from Chile

1. General remarks

Chile would like to express its appreciation to the co-facilitators for this first draft proposal of building blocks for a political declaration for the implementation of UN General Assembly resolution 73/333.

We agree in general with the content of this proposal, as it is aligned with the position of Chile of supporting multilateralism and the strengthening of environmental law and governance both nationally and at an international level. In that sense, we appreciate that this first draft proposal acknowledges many of the comments made by our delegation during the first informal substantive consultation, on July 2020, as we believe this document goes in the direction of fostering consensus for the success of this process.

We believe that a clear recognition to the triple environmental crisis (biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution) should be included on the declaration, and the urgent need of action as a prime example of the importance of strengthening environmental institutions and governance.

We present some comments on specific parts of this proposal below.

2. Comments on specific points

- Strengthening international environmental governance, point 6:

We would like to ask for further clarifications behind the differentiation of Rio Conventions and multilateral environmental agreements. Since we would prefer to have a shorter, accessible declaration, we suggest to just mention “multilateral environmental agreements”.

- Strengthening international environmental governance, point 12:

Regarding the phrasing “*we invite UNEP’s global environmental assessment processes...*”. We think there is room for stronger language and would prefer that the word “invite” is replaced by “request”.

We consider that policy decisions based in scientific knowledge are a priority matter, and would like to suggest to move this paragraph to the first parts of this section.

- Environmental law is essential for the protection of our planet, point 17:

We would prefer a more direct language and replace “has the potential to undermine...” by “undermines”.

- Accelerating and facilitating action and implementation at all levels, point 22:

We would like to replace “We encourage governments” by “We commit”.