

Statement by Asia Pacific Group (APG)

The Asia Pacific Group would like to congratulate the UNON and UNEP for holding the Second Substantive Consultation Meeting on UNGA Resolution 73/333 in a hybrid format.

The Asia Pacific Group believes that draft political declaration for 73/333 is a Member States-driven process. This should entail an open, transparent and inclusive process, allowing for textual amendments of the current draft, with the view to achieving a consensus.

The APG reaffirms the role of UNEA as the World's leading decision making body on the environment issues with universal membership, for making steady progress of the comprehensive implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda. The APG is committed to promoting a balanced integration of environmental, economic and social dimensions of sustainable developments within the UN System in terms of its on environment and sectoral policies and programmes at all levels. The APG deems it necessary to implement the 2030 agenda for sustainable developments in such a comprehensive way.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

The APG would like to see the function of Nairobi Headquarters of UNEP be strengthened in such a way that UNEP's key role of promoting and strengthening the science-policy interface would be enhanced in order to support policy decision to underpin international environmental law and governance and to invest in environmental research and strategic foresight.

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The environmental degradation, climate change and unsustainable developments constitute some of the most pressing and serious threats to the ability of present and future generations to live a safe and healthy life.

Mr. Chair

The APG is committed to developing and implementing an effective international and national legal framework. To this end, all Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies are invited to increase their support for the Fifth Montevideo Programme. The Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies, who have not yet ratified legal frameworks, are urged to ratify the relevant environmental agreements. All Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies are invited to incorporate the principle of international law into their legal system.

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The APG would like to emphasize the importance of international cooperation, in achieving the purposes of the above commitments and actions. APG hopes that the declaration would help pave the way to mitigate the negative impact of climate change and lead towards sustainable societies promoted by mutual respect of natural resources, chemical and waste management for restoration of ecosystem to ensure safe, clean and healthy environment for all mankind.
