



The Office of the Minister of Planning and Development

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Honourable Sveinung Rotevatn
Norwegian Minister for Climate and
Environment and UNEA-5 President
Postboks 8013
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Dear Minister,

Re Zero Draft Ministerial Declaration

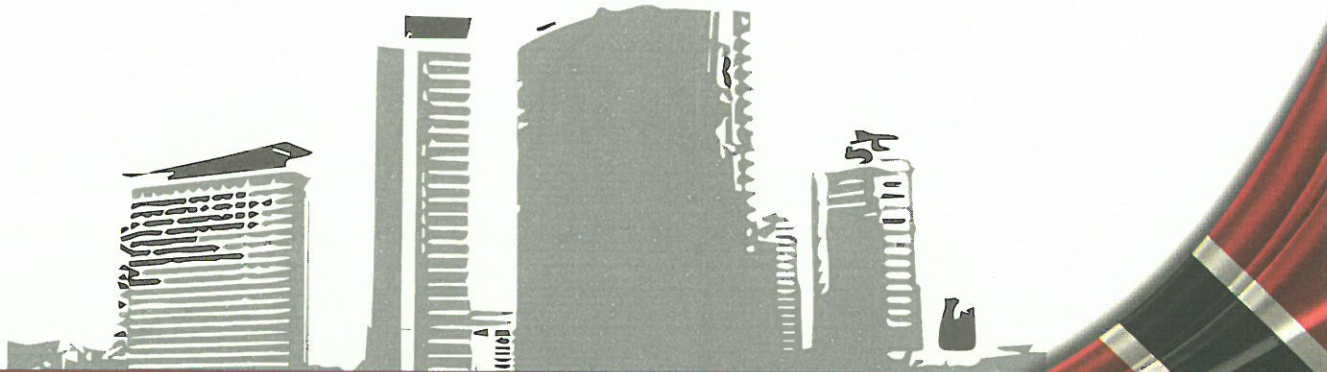
Thank you for the updated information contained in your letter of October 06, 2021 on the preparations for the upcoming resumed session of the Fifth UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5), including the updated Zero Draft Ministerial Declaration, which is to be tabled for adoption by the Assembly.

In this regard, I am pleased to submit, for your kind consideration, the enclosed comments by The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Draft Ministerial Declaration. I hope these comments prove useful to the finalization of the Declaration, and I look forward to the successful convening of the resumed session of UNEA-5.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Camille Robinson-Regis, MP
Minister



Government of The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Comments on the DRAFT Ministerial Declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly
at its resumed fifth session

“Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”

1. General comments-

Nil

2. Specific Comments-

Paragraph	Comment/Suggested Text
5	<p>Paragraph 5- It is suggested that the current language “...fragmentation of biodiversity...” is changed, as fragmentation is typically used in relation to habitats, and then the attendant impacts of habitat fragmentation are linked to biodiversity (loss).</p> <p>Proposed change-</p> <p>We note therefore with profound concern that nature is facing severe pressures from human activities, and stress the urgent need to halt the fragmentation of habitats and resultant global decline in biodiversity, which is unprecedented in human history, its main indirect and direct drivers being changes in land and sea use, direct exploitation of organisms, unsustainable consumption and production patterns, climate change, invasive alien species and pollution of ocean and fresh water, air, and soil.</p>
23	<p>Paragraph 23-It is suggested that the phrase “avoidance of food loss and waste” is included as part of the transition to sustainable food systems.</p> <p>Proposed change-</p> <p>We commit to cooperating across sectors and levels of governments, in partnership with other governments and local actors and the private sector to transition to sustainable food systems, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and inspired by the UN Food Systems Summit vision of sustainable food systems that deliver enhanced food security and resilience while reducing emissions, biodiversity loss and freshwater use, and also the avoidance of food loss and waste, as an essential solution to accelerate actions on all the Sustainable Development Goals, and we welcome the strong engagement by UNEP in the Summit follow-up processes.</p>