

### **EU and MS general statement – Opening of third informal consultations on UNEP@50 Declaration**

- The EU and its MS thank the co-facilitators for their revised updated draft which we see as a good basis to negotiate this Political Declaration.
- We have good hope that this third informal substantive consultation will enable us to reach a consensus and ensure this process comes to a satisfying and ambitious outcome that will allow for an action-oriented political declaration which will strengthen the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance.
- Indeed, it is our understanding that this Political Declaration is the culmination of the work undertaken following the adoption of UNGA resolution 73/333. We believe that we should keep our focus on following-up on its recommendations in order to achieve its mandate.
- We are looking forward to finalizing negotiations on this text as we have now a unique opportunity to mark the commemoration of the 50 years of UNEP.