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.