



## Children & Youth Major Group

### Proposed Language on Ministerial Declaration UNEA 5.2

We are pleased to share with you below inputs on the ministerial declaration prepared by the youth constituency following internal consultations. We will also be sharing inputs on the further resolutions and topics.

We appreciate possible support from member states in proposing this during the MD and supporting the voice of the young people, and ensuring they have a space in this crucial Ministerial Declaration. We propose the following language in the Ministerial Declaration as a new paragraph (potentially #24). We highlight to you the importance of having a youth focussed paragraph on such an important declaration and thank you for your possible support.

Language (in blue color):

23. We commit to pursuing and joining new and innovative partnerships across sectors, and engage all relevant stakeholders, working with youth, women, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, business, finance, education and science sectors, to develop actions that are nature positive and reverse the persistently negative long-term trend for the environment.

***[24] We recognize that young people are the agents of change and welcome the inaugural Youth Environment Assembly. We underscore the importance of enhancing meaningful engagement and participation of youth in the environmental fora, and the role of environmental education in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.***

24. We welcome and rely on the knowledge gained from the recent scientific assessments from the Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the International Resource Panel and the United Nations Environment Programme, and we encourage enhanced collaboration among scientific panels. We further recognize the contribution of indigenous peoples' expertise and knowledge.