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ARGENTINA

Comments on Agenda Item 2 - "Inputs to the 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development"

- The document is too long and repetitive. We encourage the Secretariat to present a more shorten and summarized revised version that synthesizes the various guiding principles of the ECOSOC President's note.
- The document includes diagnoses whose sources are not cited and are unknown. In this regard, we request the Secretariat to inform the sources of several of the statements made, in particular points (a), (b) and (c) of the document, taking into account it will be a UNEA input and not a UNEP input.
- The document takes as a basis, in many of its statements, the UNEA 5.2 Ministerial Declaration, which is not a document that was negotiated line by line by Member States, and many concepts and wording of that document have not been multilaterally agreed.
- It should be avoided in the document the use of concepts that do not have a common understanding, such as the use of the word "green" and "natural capital" or imprecise mentions, for example, the issue of plastics and the concept of "circular solutions".
- The mandate of the INC must be reflected with the agreed and exact language of OP3 of the plastic resolution.
- As general criteria, we urge the Secretariat to use of multilaterally agreed language and concepts in the document.
- Other documents that have been negotiated by Member States should be used. For example, the document does not mention UNEA 5.2 resolution on "Environmental Dimension of a sustainable, resilient and inclusive post Covid-19 Recovery".

Taking into account the thematic focus of the Political Forum, we considered appropriate to include mentions of the outcomes of this resolution.

- Point c) of the document presents a list of actions and policy recommendations elaborated under the criteria and language proposed by the Secretariat.

Clarifications are needed regarding the criteria for the elaboration of the list of actions and policy recommendations made in point c) of the document.

Any list of actions and policy recommendations must be in line with multilaterally agreed language and concepts.

- The document should give proper attention and greater visibility to the issue of means of implementation.
- The document must include a suggested key message on means of implementation for its inclusion in the Ministerial Declaration of the 2022 HLPF.