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Dear Mr. Rachid Firadi,

Many thanks for the opportunity to provide written inputs to the zero draft of the ministerial declaration of UNEA-6.

While the current draft of the UNEA declaration captures essential issues and related actions and ensures a link to the important forthcoming Summit of the Future, we suggest highlighting further the pollution planetary crisis so as to provide a more balanced overview of the three planetary crises therein. To that effect, some additional references could be added to current global threats related to pollution while underlining recent multilateral achievements in this area. Furthermore, the role of multilateral environmental agreements in promoting strong and inclusive multilateralism, through which governments work together to protect biodiversity, safely manage chemicals and waste, combat climate change, and support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, may merit further consideration.

The following wording may be considered in that regard:

4. We welcome the important outcomes of the twenty-seventh conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, including the establishment of a Loss and Damage Fund to support vulnerable countries as well as the Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan, the twenty eighth Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC including XXX, the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity including its adoption of the historic Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the fifteenth Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD including the Abidjan Call to act on drought, desertification and land degradation, **and the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including the adoption of decisions strengthening the sound management of chemicals and waste throughout the life cycle and the prevention of pollution for the protection of human health and the environment.**

**6 bis. Aware that hazardous chemicals and wastes are ubiquitous in the environment and found in all parts of the globe, and that production, consumption and use of such chemicals and the amount of waste generated will grow substantially over the coming years, express great concern with regard to the unsound management of hazardous chemicals and wastes and its adverse effects on human health and the environment;**

**6 ter. Noting with concern the findings in the contribution of Working Group III to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change sixth assessment report, including that the waste sector remains a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in urban settings,**

**6 quater. Aware that pollution, including from hazardous chemicals and waste, is a major driver of biodiversity and ecosystem loss and that plant and insect populations are dwindling as a result of the persistent usage of highly dangerous, non-selective insecticides.**

8.d. Deploy greater efforts, as well as mobilize and allocate adequate resources towards chemicals safety and management and the [adoption] / [progress toward adoption] / [other relevant language to be inserted subject to outcome of ICCM5] of a new chemicals and waste management framework during the Fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-5) held in September 2023, **while continuing to support effective implementation of the chemicals and waste multilateral environmental agreements;**

13. We call on UNEP, as the leading environmental authority within the United Nations, and echoing the UNEP@50 Ministerial Declaration, to intensify its support and assistance to Member States in the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals as

well as the UNEA outcomes and UNEP' delivery **and the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements**, notably through the UN Country Teams, through access to scientific information, technologies, technical assistance and financial resources.

Many thanks.

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