

Ministerial Declaration's Zero Draft – UNEA-6
Inputs by the delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica
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The delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica appreciates the efforts and leadership of the distinguished delegation of Morocco in preparing the first zero draft for the Ministerial Declaration towards UNEA-6.

In this regard, the delegation of Costa Rica wishes to support the references to the triple planetary crises and increase the commitments towards mitigation regarding climate change throughout the document.

Regarding sustainable consumption and production, the delegation of Costa Rica recommends the inclusion of a reference to *“the Global Strategy for Sustainable Consumption and Production 2023-2030 developed through a broad consultative and multi-stakeholder process under the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP (10YFP) and welcomed and endorsed by the UN General Assembly in December 2022 in its resolution 77/16.”*

The delegation of Costa Rica also considers it essential to strengthen the reference to Nature-Based Solutions by placing it **before** ecosystem-based approaches, in line with what was already agreed in UNEA Resolution 5/5.

We would also like to ensure the Paris Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, references are correct. For instance, by referring to **“the”** Paris Agreement and not its Paris Agreement.

Regarding the Human Right to a Healthy and Sustainable Environment, the delegation of Costa Rica wishes to maintain the explicit reference. It is essential to mainstream this recently adopted human rights and reflect the clear intention to achieve it in the Ministerial Declaration. We also consider referencing the UN Water Conference and its outcomes necessary.

In case there are any additions to the Common but Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) Principle, the delegation of Costa Rica wishes to refer to the Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respected Capabilities (CBDR-RC) instead, ensuring that developing countries's efforts are well recognized.

Our delegation supports the references to strengthen UNEP's regional offices and would like to amend paragraph 14 by adding an explicit reference to Latin America.

Furthermore, our delegation supports references to achieving gender equality in the context of the environment, reinforcing the rights of indigenous peoples, and recognizing the critical role of the oceans in reverting climate change and biodiversity loss.