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Initial inputs from Norway to the Ministerial Declaration of UNEA-6

Norway would like to thank the UNEA-6 President for the opportunity to present some initial ideas for inclusion in the Ministerial Declaration.

In response to the questions posed in your communication to member states (dated 15 January 2025), we submit the following suggestions.

Question 1: What would the Ministers for the Environment propose as the most important elements and or key messages to take forward the UNEA theme in the most impactful manner?

Norway would recommend that solutions related to supporting sustainable consumption and production would be a key area. This includes the circular economy and other relevant approaches to greening the economy to ensure inclusivity and equity.

Question 2: what key messages or conclusions from recent scientific reports would the Ministers for the Environment recommend for consideration in the ministerial declaration?

The timeline of the seventh Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7) is such that it will be launched at UNEA-7. This makes it very difficult to reference findings from the report in the declaration. It would nevertheless be important to in some way welcome the launch of the report, and its Summary for Policymakers, in the ministerial declaration.

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Question 3 What proposed collective actions and policy solutions should the Ministers for the Environment adopt to advance the UNEA theme and promote effective and inclusive environmental governance?

Norway will revert on this point.

Question 4: Any other message(s) would Ministers for the Environment wish to be considered or included in the ministerial declaration?

One of the issues on the agenda for UNEA-7 will be the Global Environmental Data Strategy. Environmental data is crucial to support policy that builds on an updated knowledge base. Data from a wide range of sources is necessary for monitoring the state of and changes in our climate and environment, and to support nations and the global community in tackling the triple/multiple planetary crises. High quality data must also be accessible to those who need it.

Equally, environmental information and data must be readily available to all, as this both ensures well-informed decision-making, enhances participation, and accountability.

Last, but not least, Norway would also propose including a placeholder to comment on what we hope will be a successful conclusion of two ongoing processes. By which we refer to the Science Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, and a Plastics Agreement.