

Introduction of the draft Ministerial Declaration at the 144th CPR meeting, 8.02.2019.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

Presidency is sincerely thankful to all Member States, regional and political groups and stakeholders, who sent the numerous written inputs for the zero draft of the ministerial declaration of the UNEA4. Your contribution has been very constructive and helpful. We have to remind to all of us, that we are in the hands of Member States.

By developing MOD First Draft, we took into account your inputs as much as possible, at the same time keeping in mind overall recommendations, that Ministerial Declaration should be:

- attractive to policy makers and the wider audience;
- should be short, action oriented and with less technical language
- Aspirationally ambitious
- Should be balanced in regards of the Theme of the UNEA-4
- Should speak to all member states

The vision of the MOD envisages the „*dedication of* moving towards sustainable, prosperous and inclusive societies with sustainable consumption and production patterns that prevent and address environmental challenges with innovative solutions.”

We have improved the text with following:

- a) Zero-draft is substantively restructured and we have dropped the division into three priority areas, but at the same time keeping the principles of main priorities – **efficient resource management, access to data and engagement of stakeholders**, as the main enablers for overcoming common environmental challenges and implementing sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- b) We have Reduced the number of operative paras, to have concise MOD
- c) We have Strengthened the references to supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.
- d) Question – why we have the targeted year 2025? In 2015 all UN Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda, currently we see that moving towards the sustainable development goals, we need more concrete and ambitious medium-term milestones
- e) Instead of global agreements on quantitative targets in a Ministerial Declaration, the text includes now clear commitments to set ambitious domestic targets in reducing waste generation and increasing reuse and recycling and on the use of sustainable public procurements. These targets are strongly guided by SDG 12 targets, namely 12.5 and 12.7.
- f) We are still inviting member states to take further actions on reducing the use of most problematic single-use plastic products, as we are encouraged by several international and over 60 MS driven national initiatives.

**“We will decisively address the damage to our ecosystems caused by the unsustainable use and disposal of single-use plastic products, including by phasing-out most problematic single-use plastic products as early as 2025, and we encourage the private sector to find affordable and eco-friendly alternatives;”**

- g) We have strengthened the language on means of implementation, including finance, capacity-building, mutually beneficial partnerships and development, taking into account mutually agreed Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

We will continue inclusive and transparent process towards the adoption of the MOD, the timeframe for the further steps are as followed:

- Written inputs are invited by 31 January, we will hold consultations before that deadline
- President's consultations on 5-6 Feb in Nairobi
- New draft 15 Feb
- Introduction on 19 Feb, at the CPR 145 meeting

The Presidency invites all Member States and Stakeholders to support the adoption of ambitious ministerial declaration of the UNEA-4.

Thank you for your attention!