

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Based upon the input received, the following guiding questions are set out below.

### **I. Guiding questions concerning the preparatory process**

#### **1. The outcome reads: “Forward these recommendations to UNEA for its consideration”.**

- a. *Under which agenda item should UNEA 5 consider these recommendations?*
- b. *One option being under the inclusion in the already established item 5 of the provisional agenda entitled “International environmental policy and governance issues” or by recommending the establishment of a new item?*

The answer to both a. and b. is the same: We are of the opinion that recommendations put forward by the Secretariat should be accepted.

#### **2. The outcome mandates: “to prepare, at its fifth session (...) a political declaration (...):**

- a. *What level of detail should a text have in order to be considered by UNEA 5?*  
We are of the opinion that the political declaration should be focused and as such point out the seriousness and severity of the situation relating to climate change, biodiversity degradation and increasing pollution in the world; therefore, it should not be too extensive nor too detailed.
- b. *When should the “preparation of a political declaration” begin and what should be the recommended format, leadership and timeline of the preparatory process before UNEA 5?*

Consultations on the preparations of a political declaration should start in 2020, and the process should be led by the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR). Furthermore, consultations should be open-ended, hence, we suggest that arrangements should be put in place to allow the involvement and participation of member States without resident representation in Nairobi in the preparatory process.

- c. *How can accredited stakeholders be involved, and member States without representation in Nairobi participate, in the process?*

It is important to involve all stakeholders and member States without resident representation in Nairobi in the preparatory process through written consultations, video conferencing and informal consultations.

### **II. Guiding questions related to the a “United Nations high-level meeting [...] in the context of the context of the commemoration of the creation of UNEP**

#### **3. The outcome speaks about “a United Nations high-level meeting, subject to voluntary funding, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (...).”**

- a. *What is meant by “a United Nations high-level meeting, subject to voluntary funding, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment”?*

With regards to the location and timing of the high-level meeting, we are of the opinion that the meeting could be held either as a part of the UNEA-5 or during the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, which is to be held in Stockholm. “High-level” should refer to high-level government officials – from ministers up to the heads of state/government.

- b. *Who is expected to convene the UN high-level meeting? What should its format be?*

We are of the opinion that the Secretariat, as well as the Governments of Sweden and Kenya, should convene the high - level meeting and decide on the format of the meeting.

### **III. Guiding questions regarding the content of the political declaration and the support by the UNEP Secretariat**

- 4. The outcome also signals that the objective of the political declaration is “with a view to strengthening the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance, in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled ‘The future we want’”.**

- a. *what ‘elements’ or ‘building blocks’ in the objectives guiding the recommendations and in the substantive recommendations contained in the Annex to Resolution 73/333 could be identified for inclusion in the political declaration to achieve the overall objective of “strengthening the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance, in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development”?*

The political declaration should contribute to the strengthening of international environmental law and governance so as to enhance addressing of the most pressing environmental challenges in the modern world.

- b. *How should the political declaration relate to the five objectives guiding the recommendations and to the thirteen substantive recommendations of the ad-hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to UN General Assembly resolution 72/277 and endorsed in UN General Assembly resolution 73/333?*

We suggest that the preamble of the political declaration include defined goals that would serve as the guidelines for recommendations.

- c. *Should there be a substantive connection between the political declaration and the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment?*

In our opinion the political declaration should be in line with the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, and vice versa; furthermore, the mentioned political declaration should be adopted at the aforementioned high-level event.

- d. *How should the political declaration be in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development?*

The political declaration should build on paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio, 2012), entitled “The future we want”.

- e. *What kind of inputs should the Secretariat prepare in order to best assist member States in the preparation of the political declaration?*

The Secretariat should prepare a background document/paper and an analysis of the main environmental challenges that the humankind and our planet are currently facing. This should be the basis for the necessary adjustments and harmonization of the political declaration.