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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?*
        Recommending the establishment of a new item for better clarification and follow up of the 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?*
        Recommending the establishment of a new item
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?*
        The text of the political declaration should not be more than 2 pages and 10 paragraphs with strong advocacy messages
    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?*
        "Preparation of a political declaration should commence 1 year before UNEA5 to provide sufficient time and resources for consultation and gather facts and information for evidence based decision making with strong advocacy message on the enforcement of international environmental law and international environmental governance, There establishment of an advisory committee including 60% of member states and 40% civil society,Businesses private sector and indigenous people

    c. *How can accredited stakeholders be involved, and member States without representation in Nairobi participate, in the process?*
        **Organizing at least 2 *Online consultation meetings on e conference and Webinars with accredited stakeholders and member States in order to provide inputs and suggestions to prepare the political declaration UNEA5.*

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"?* ***The Incorporation of Ministers of Environment, policy makers politicians,civil society, and business groups with support from the member states within the framework of the United Nations.***

    b. *Who is expected to convene the UN high-level meeting?* ***President of the United Nations General Assembly with support of member states and partners***

    c. *What should its format be?****Side events and multi-stakeholder dialogue***

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"?
Capacity building of relevant stakeholders and promotion of partnerships on
strengthening the implementation of international environmental law and international
environmental governance

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?*
The points and facts on strengthening the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance *of the political declaration should be interrelated with the five objectives guiding the recommendations and to the thirteen substantive recommendations of the ad-hoc open-ended working group in order to allow broad based consultation and obtain an inclusive outcome document with limited gaps*

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?*
Yes for an inclusive and integrated approach to support agenda 2030 for sustainable development.

d. *How should the political declaration be in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development?*
Highlighting strong environmental advocacy messages at each paragraph creating a great signal to governments, politicians and other stakeholders.

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 can make inputs include Governance of Natural resources, Environmental legal frameworks of the member states and the incorporation of civil society, businesses and indigenous communities in the establishment of national and international environmental law and international environmental governance.