

## 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 issue should be considered at the UN Environment Assembly under the already established item 5 of the provisional agenda entitled “International environmental policy and governance issues”.

#### **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 level of details should include the development of outline of a declaration that contains the background information, objectives of the declaration and how to implement the declaration outputs after unea5 (1-2 pages).

- 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?*

It is important to start the process as soon as possible (March 2020) and to establish a roadmap that outline the actions that should be taken under the leadership of the committee of permanent representatives, so that elements of a political declaration be agreed at UNEA-5.

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

Once the timeframe and location of the process are decided, an invitation to be sent to all members and observer of UNEP to attend the process. The voluntary funding of member states can be used to assist eligible developing countries, countries with economies in transition, and small island states to attend the process.

### **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”?*

It should be a United Nations high-level meeting at the highest political level with one political declaration as its main outcome, to be held during the event of the commemoration of the creation of United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm, to avoid more costs and create an overload of documents.

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

It should be convened by a Resolution by UN General Assembly.

### **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”?*

Objectives guiding the recommendations

- (1) Reinforce the protection of the environment for present and future generations;
- (3) Contribute to the strengthening of the implementation of international environmental law and environment-related instruments;

Substantive recommendations

(10) Invite the governing bodies of the multilateral environmental agreements, while preserving their independence and respective mandates, to increase their efforts to promote policy coherence across environmental instruments at all relevant levels and to consider identifying and addressing implementation challenges in their regimes, with a view to strengthening implementation at the national and international levels;

(14) Encourage States Members of the United Nations and all members of the specialized agencies to strengthen, where needed, environmental laws, policies and regulatory frameworks at the national level, as well as capacities across all sectors for the effective implementation of international environmental law, including in the administrative and justice sectors in accordance with national legal systems, while acknowledging the importance of international cooperation in supporting and complementing national actions;

(15) Encourage States Members of the United Nations and all members of the specialized agencies to mainstream environment into sectoral policies and programmes at all levels, including into national development and sustainable development plans, to enhance the implementation of international environmental law and applicable environment-related instruments.

- 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?*

There should a clear statement in the political declaration referring 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.

- 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?*

The political declaration should emphasis the work done during the previous 30 years and look forward after the commemoration of the creation of UNEP. Additionally, the political declaration should highlight the relation between environment and human rights.

- 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 overall objective of the political declaration should be aligned with elements raised under paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. In this regard, most of the substantive recommendations can be considered in-line with paragraph 88 (sustainable development)

- 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 is encouraged to prepare the framework that specify the date, place and the ability of non- Nairobi based representative to participate in the preparation of the political declaration