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Input by Israel to the preparation of a ministerial declaration for UNEA-5

When considering the main elements to be included in the Declaration and their potential impact, the key question is whether UNEA-5 will take place before or after the adoption of the new Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity (depending on the date of COP-15). If UNEA takes place following the adoption of the Strategic Plan then the ministers will be in a position where they already are committed to all the new objectives of the CBD (as originally planned). If not - then UNEA-5 and its outcomes can contribute to the achievement of ambitious goals for the Convention.

Assuming that the CBD Strategic Plan is already adopted then it is suggested that the Declaration should include the following elements:

- Focus on implementation
- Ministers should commit to promoting implementation at national level
- Commitment to allocating sufficient budgets for implementation, starting in 2021
- Call for a transformational change in the economic system, towards a green recovery from the COVID-19 crisis led by a new and sustainable economic model
- Such a recovery must abolish / reduce harmful subsidies, including in the agriculture and fishing sectors
- Commitment to cooperate to achieve targets

Assuming that the CBD Strategic Plan is not yet adopted then it is suggested that the Declaration should include the following elements:

- Call for adoption of global ambitious targets for marine and terrestrial protected areas - at least 30% in each
- Call for adoption of quantitative targets for ecological restoration with an emphasis on threatened ecosystems
- Recognizing climate change as a threat to biodiversity and recognizing Nature Based Solutions as a climate adaptation tool



- Call for a transformational change in the economic system, towards a green recovery from the COVID-19 crisis led by a new and sustainable economic model
- Such a recovery must abolish / reduce harmful subsidies, including in the agriculture and fishing sectors
- Commitment to cooperate to achieve targets
- Ministers should commit to promoting implementation at national level