

**First informal substantive consultation meeting on United Nations  
General Assembly resolution 73/333, entitled “Follow-up to the report  
of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to  
General Assembly resolution 72/277”**

**Comments on documents – Emirates Environmental Group**

**Document 1: Executive Director’s Note**

**Paragraph 6 and 7:**

“Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies will be invited to register their participation in order to ensure the integrity of the virtual proceedings and to facilitate the participation of those Member States that do not have a permanent mission in Nairobi. **The registration website will open on the 29th of June and will remain active until the 18th of July.**”

“The meeting is open to the participation of representatives of Specialized Agencies, United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental organizations and regional economic integration organizations. Representatives of these organizations are urged to register their participation Secretariat. **The registration website will open on the 29th of June and will remain active until the 18th of July.**”

**EEG’s input:**

We think there is a level of redundancy in these paragraphs, which can be eliminated if combined.

**Paragraph 8:**

“In accordance with Rule 70 of the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly which apply mutatis mutandis to the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP the meeting is also open to representatives from non-governmental organizations accredited to the United Nations Environment Programme. Representatives of these organizations are urged to register their participation Secretariat. The registration website will open on the 29th of June and will remain active until the 18th of July.”

**EEG’s input:**

Same as above.

## **Document 2: Co-facilitator's Document**

### **Page 3, Paragraph (6) and its guiding questions –**

“Reaffirm the role of the United Nations Environment Programme as the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment, and also reaffirm the role of the United Nations Environment Assembly.”

#### **EEG's Input:**

We recommend adding the following question:

What challenges/hindrances do you, as Member States and stakeholders, foresee in your region in the facilitation of the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda as well as overall environmental law and governance?

### **Page 4, Question (d)**

“How can Member States and members of Specialized Agencies make full use of the technical legal assistance from UNEP and MEA Secretariats in order to fulfill the implementation of their obligations under the MEAs?”

#### **EEG's Input:**

It is not only legal assistance that Member States may need from UNEP and MEA Secretariats. We recommend adding the dimensions of technical know-how, expertise, financial grants etc. to this equation too.

## **Document 3: Information Note**

EEG is satisfied with the flow and content of this document.

However, for brevity, we think representing points 5 – 21 (as they are all resolutions MEAs) in a tabular form might be more appropriate.