

## **Submission from Australia on the UNEA-5 Ministerial Declaration draft outline document**

Australia thanks the Norwegian Presidency for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft outline document for the UNEA-5 Ministerial Declaration. Australia welcomes the direction of the draft outline document.

On green recovery, Australia supports discussions on sustainable and resilient recovery under the notion of “building back better”. Australia would encourage commitments on harnessing and furthering the potential of innovative technological solutions as part of the recovery.

Australia encourages consideration of the “blue ecosystem” in the Ministerial Declaration. A healthy and resilient ocean underpins strong economic growth and food security for many countries, and therefore has strong synergies with the proposed themes of the Ministerial Declaration. Australia would welcome a Ministerial Declaration that calls for actions towards the development of a sustainable ocean economy on a global scale.

In line with the vision for urgent and transformative action, Australia is supportive of commitments which promote greater coherence and cooperation amongst and between international organisations as well as multilateral environmental agreements. The Ministerial Declaration could also be an opportunity to emphasise the role of partnerships in actions for nature.

Australia welcomes commitments to develop an ambitious post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework through the Convention of Biological Diversity.

Australia looks forward to working with the Norwegian Presidency and other parties to continue developing the UNEA-5 Ministerial Declaration.

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