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Agenda Item 3: inputs of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the High Level Political  
Forum on Sustainable Development.

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Thank you Chair,

Complementing our first general intervention, allow me to present now, a few specific proposals on the document under consideration.

Regarding Annex 1 of the document prepared by the Secretariat, we believe that it is needed a specific reference to SDGs 16 and 17, which are both relevant for a sustainable and resilient recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic and are both part of the HLPF 2021 analysis.

Regarding SDG 16, it is essential that the post-pandemic recovery focuses on the human being, taking into account the respect for the rights of future generations by promoting climate action and protecting the biological diversity ([https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/un\\_policy\\_brief\\_on\\_human\\_rights\\_and\\_covid\\_23\\_april\\_2020.pdf](https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/un_policy_brief_on_human_rights_and_covid_23_april_2020.pdf)).

With regard to SDG 17, it should be highlighted the essential role of international cooperation and solidarity in the post-pandemic recovery and the achievement of sustainable development, including its environmental dimension.

Finally, we also believe that the Secretariat's document can be improved by adding a reference to a cross-cutting issue, such as the achievement of gender equality and empower all women and girls, as reflected on SDG 5, which is vital for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

We will submit our full comments in writing in the hope that these ideas can be reflected in the UNEA contribution to the HLPF.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.