

Implementation of 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"

DRAFT BUILDING BLOCKS OF A POLITICAL DECLARATION

ARGENTINA COMMENTS

- PARRAGRAFH 1 - PREAMBULE:

We the [Insert titles according to the expected level of participation and high-level representatives], having gathered at X on X 202x together with political, scientific, civil society and private sector leaders, ~~believe that everyone should be able to live in a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment and thus recognize~~ **reaffirm** the urgent need to reinforce the protection of the environment for present and future generations.

Comment: The reference to the right to live in a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment was not agreed in the OEWG. Before its use in the Declaration, it is considered desirable that the process of discussion of this right in the UN Human Rights Council be concluded.

- PARRAGRAFH 6 - PREAMBULE:

We recognize the essential role and existing obligations and commitments under international environmental law and its effective implementation in **achieving a sustainable development** ~~ensuring an environmentally sustainable future for our planet~~ and addressing urgent social, economic and environmental challenges, especially against backdrop of the COVID-19 crisis to reduce pollution and to ensure **green sustainable and inclusive** recovery and building back better;

Comment: It is seen as necessary to orient international environmental law commitments towards achieving sustainable development.

The term "green recovery" is not agreed at the multilateral level. It is suggested to replace it with terminology agreed upon in the General Assembly.

- PARRAGRAFH 22:

Its elimination is deemed appropriate given that the consensus reached in the OEWG does not refer to the construction of assessment systems at the national level on the state of environmental policies and regulations and the implementation of international environmental law.

- PARRAGRAFH 26:

We call upon Member States and members of Specialized Agencies to enhance the ambition **in** ~~of means of implementation, including~~ the provision and mobilization of all types and sources of

means of implementation **for developing countries** ~~especially for countries most affected by environmental degradation~~ **in light of the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and** consistent with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Comment: Based on the principle of CBDR and the Rio Conventions, the mobilisation of means of implementation should be directed primarily towards developing countries.

Since Argentina argued during the OEWG that the main gap in international environmental matters is one of implementation, in relation to the insufficient mobilisation of means of implementation towards developing countries, it is understood that paragraph 26 should be re-hierarchised in the context of the document, heading the section "Accelerating and facilitating action and implementation at all levels".

- PARRAGRAFH 27 TO 31:

The content of paragraphs 27-31 is not in line with the consensus reached in the OEWG and should therefore be deleted.