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Inputs on Pollution free planet: delivering a deal to detoxify the world

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At first glance, We would like to comment that the theme one gives a particular emphasis on the health risks associated with pollution, the impacts on the human population and also on a specific type of pollution: air pollution.

Taking into account the universal membership of the Assembly, which has a broad mandate, the proposed approach should be changed in order to cover the problem of pollution in the air, soil and water in order to avoid any overlapping.

Therefore, we would like to recommend the following:

1. It is essential that the effects of pollution should be addressed from a broader perspective of integrality and interrelation.
2. Secondly, we consider that the following impacts in the health and environment have to be mentioned: ecosystems, availability of natural resources, biological processes, and ecosystem services; and also health, in addition to the economic costs involved.
3. Finally, It is also essential that the description of the theme includes some references to scientific studies aimed at building a solid base.

In the other hand, we note with appreciation that the theme one is compatible with the Triple COP of Chemicals (Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention and Stockholm Convention) to be held between April and May 2017 and the World Health Assembly in May 2017.

To conclude, Colombia could support the theme one if these recommendations are also taken into account. Hence, we are fully committed to continue working and proposing in a constructive way.

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