

COMMENTS ON THE WORDING OF THE THEME FOR UNEA 3

1. At the outset, I thank and congratulate the Chair, all PRs, participants, all members of the UNEP on selecting the basic theme for the UNEA 3. Bangladesh welcomes the selection of theme 1, though we opted for theme 2. Unfortunately, I do not find our statement anywhere in the UNEP website. I shall therefore, request, the Secretary to do the needful and put it in the right place for record purposes.

2. Different participants discussed the selection of the wording in the last conference and on 16 February as well. 13 different options/alternatives are already mooted and placed on the table for consideration including the one proposed by my colleague the PR of Pakistan on February 07. I thank the proponents for their thoughtful and noble efforts. Many participants have already commented and set the criteria for selection too. Like them and rest of you, I also feel that the final theme should be significant, specific and well defined, be action orientated and produce measurable outcome, be least resource demanding, be time bound and lastly but most importantly, be capable of producing strategic end results to benefit us and our succeeding generations. From that perspective and requirement, I think final wording could be **“Reduction of pollution for a sustainable world.”** It is very positive, specific; action

orientated and indeed fulfils rest all other selection and wording criteria promising the creation of the strategic end result. Regarding the thrust and priority areas, we agree with the 5 identified areas and would further propose to take into consideration the pollution emanating from the increasing use of warheads, ordnances and war munitions including nuclear fallout which could obviously be deadly and devastating for many generations to come.