



President of the United Nations Environment Assembly

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Dear Ministers and colleagues,

I wish to make reference to the letter sent to you on 8 May, regarding the process to develop a Ministerial Declaration, to be presented during the 2017 United Nations Environment Assembly (Nairobi, 4 to 6 December 2017).

In this regard, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the positive feedback received so far from many member States. Your inputs and ideas have strengthened my resolve to continue working with each of you in developing this outcome document through a transparent and inclusive process of consultations involving member States and stakeholders which will conclude before the beginning of the Open Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives in late November.

To that end, as set out in the roadmap communicated to you, I present for your consideration an Outline Document (see annex), which includes a structured list of the initial points that I have shared with you already on 8 May. My aim is to allow more member States and stakeholders to share their views and contributions.

Member States, including through their respective regional Ministerial Fora and political groups, are invited to send their inputs to the Secretariat (unep.sgb@unep.org) at the latest by the 30 June 2017. In the period of ten days following the reception of all inputs, it is my intention to submit for your consideration a Zero Draft Document taking into account all positions, and organizing them in the most effective manner to produce a coherent, concise, and action-oriented document.

Furthermore, in the spirit of transparency, I have also requested the Secretariat to make available all inputs received so far, as they reflect valuable positions, priorities, and considerations in relation to the Declaration, and its relevance to the Assembly. These can be accessed in the Environment Assembly website www.unep.org/environmentassembly

During the upcoming Second preparatory Retreat for the UN Environment Assembly, to be held on the 9 and 10 of June 2017, myself together with your regional representatives elected to the bureaux of the Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives will consult further on the structure and main features of the attached Outline Document. We look forward to communicating to you the results of our joint work.

Yours sincerely,

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