

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find the inputs from China on the draft outline of the Ministerial Outcome Document for UNEA-4 below:

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The Ministerial Outcome Document for UNEA should have a certain degree of consistency and continuity. From UNEA-3 to UNEA-4, the Ministerial Outcome Document should maintain this spirit and avoid some brand new themes and ideas. The Ministerial Outcome Document for UNEA, to a large extent, reflects the strong political willingness of all countries to deal with environment and sustainable development. The nature of the Document should be more policy-oriented. Considering that policy effectiveness review is a new part of GEO-6, the Document for UNEA-4 is advised to put more focus on policy solutions.

China therefore suggest a revision of Main Priority 1. To put a priority on environmental data collection, use and analysis, which is at a very micro-level, seems to set the whole Document at an inappropriate context at the very beginning. Innovative policy solutions from member countries to address environmental challenges should be more appropriate and effective, therefore is suggested for Main Priority 1. Innovative solutions for data collection, use and analysis may be included as a sub-bullet under Priority 1.

Also, China would like to request further explanation on the Main Priority 3, Bullet Point 1 :Allocate adequate resources to research and development to drive innovation for the environment.