

## QUESTIONNAIRE – FILLED BY COSTA RICA

Based upon the input received, the following guiding questions are set out below.

### **I. Guiding questions concerning the preparatory process**

#### **1. The outcome reads: “Forward these recommendations to UNEA for its consideration”.**

- a. *Under which agenda item should UNEA 5 consider these recommendations? Under a different and separate agenda item that deals with this topic only*
- b. *One option being under the inclusion in the already established item 5 of the provisional agenda entitled “International environmental policy and governance issues” or by recommending the establishment of a new item? Not our preference*

#### **2. The outcome mandates: “to prepare, at its fifth session (...) a political declaration (...):**

- a. *What level of detail should a text have in order to be considered by UNEA 5? It should not be longer than two pages and provide policy response guidance while ensuring it is action oriented.*
- b. *When should the “preparation of a political declaration” begin and what should be the recommended format, leadership and timeline of the preparatory process before UNEA 5? The preparation of a political declaration should start as soon as possible; ideally in the next few months (Feb/March).*
- c. *How can accredited stakeholders be involved, and member States without representation in Nairobi participate, in the process? Through regular communication through the web platform, attending CPRs by Video-connection, and online provision of comments.*

### **II. Guiding questions related to the a “United Nations high-level meeting [...] in the context of the context of the commemoration of the creation of UNEP**

#### **3. The outcome speaks about “a United Nations high-level meeting, subject to voluntary funding, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (...).”**

- a. *What is meant by “a United Nations high-level meeting, subject to voluntary funding, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment?” A UN-high-level meeting would include Heads of State.*
- b. *Who is expected to convene the UN high-level meeting? What should its format be? The UN-high-level meeting should be convened by UNEP. The format should be a Heads of State meeting following HLPF format, feeding into the UNGA.*

### **III. Guiding questions regarding the content of the political declaration and the support by the UNEP Secretariat**

#### **4. The outcome also signals that the objective of the political declaration is “with a view to strengthening the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance, in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled ‘The future we want’”.**

- b. *What ‘elements’ or ‘building blocks’ in the objectives guiding the recommendations and in the substantive recommendations contained in the Annex to Resolution 73/333 could be identified for inclusion in the political declaration to achieve the overall objective of “strengthening the implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance, in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development”? The political declaration will need to include policy implementation options, recommended ambitious actions, etc. to accelerate implementation of international environmental law and international environmental governance. The declaration should be broad, inspiring and aspirational.*
- c. *How should the political declaration relate to the five objectives guiding the recommendations and to the thirteen substantive recommendations of the ad-hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to UN General Assembly resolution 72/277 and endorsed in UN General Assembly resolution 73/333? It should take into account these objectives and recommendations, to ensure strong linkages with this process, and embedding in this broader context. Synergies should be sought and promoted, to allow for augmented leveraging across these various workstreams and initiatives. Coherence and consistency are key to allow for a necessary integrated and holistic approach.*
- d. *Should there be a substantive connection between the political declaration and the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment? Yes, there should be a clear and substantive connection.*
- e. *How should the political declaration be in line with paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development? It should take into account the recommendations from this outcome document.*
- f. *What kind of inputs should the Secretariat prepare in order to best assist member States in the preparation of the political declaration? Background documents, outline document, concept note, roadmap, zero draft of a declaration for discussion, review and ultimately negotiation by Member States through the CPR in Nairobi.*

