

Comments to the document: Contribution of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

As a member state we appreciate and welcome the draft text presented as it aligns with what has been the Chilean position to promote the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals and linkages with areas such as sustainable production and consumption, climate change, biodiversity, among others.

However, it is important for us, when referring to the Escazú Agreement (numeral 3, ninth paragraph of the document), which has not been signed or ratified by many countries in Latin America and the Caribbean to take this into consideration, since the said agreement has not entered into force. We want to propose "<u>taking note</u> of recent successful negotiations such as the adoption of the Escazú Agreement", without the incorporation of subjective expressions such as - "inspiring" and "need to be upscaled and replicated" - as the proposal currently stablishes. Chile thinks very strongly in this regard.

Likewise, as Costa Rica mentioned on behalf of GRULAC, for us is relevant to highlight the importance of cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and successful practices, elements that have not been incorporated in the drafting of the text and that Chile considers should be mentioned.

Finally, the wording of the last two lines of the box "Summary of inputs" ("strengthening environment rule of law and good governance and its mainstreaming in sectoral laws are examples of such integrated approaches which need to be scaled-up"), is not clear. Although, the intention behind the drafting of the document is clear, it can be interpreted as a call for a global vision of multilateral environmental law, as opposed to the existing synergy among the environmental agreements that many countries support, amongst them Chile.

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