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The Permanent Mission of Mexico presents its compliments to H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, Vice Chair of the CPR, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative of Pakistan, to the United Nations Environment Programme, and Mr. Ado Löhmus, Vice President of the Bureau of UNEA and Permanent Representative of Environment of the Republic of Estonia to the United Nations Environment Programme and has the honour to refer to the **Second informal Substantive Consultation Meeting on UNGA Resolution 73/333**, to be held virtually in Nairobi on 3-5 November 2020.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Mexico submits herewith its comments to the document entitled *"Draft Building Blocks of a Political Declaration"*, distributed to the membership on 7 October 2020:

- The project contains references to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, as well as the rest of the legal instruments adopted in the framework of the United Nations that are related to the environment. This is consistent with Mexico's position and we do favour that they remain in the final version of the text.
- Due to the devastating consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is considered that Mexico should be cautious with the reference to the commitment of strengthening UNEP through more reliable financing. Given the budgetary restrictions that we currently face, we are not able to compromise more resources. Therefore, we would suggest to adjust paragraph 2 of the *"Strengthening international environmental governance in the context of sustainable development"* section.
- In the same context of the pandemic, it is suggested that in paragraphs 18 or 19 of the *"Environmental law is essential for the protection of our planet"* section, an explicit call is made for donors to support countries in the strengthening of their environmental laws and policies.

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- Finally, and by virtue of the repeated mentions for the States to adhere to the Multilateral Environmental Agreements they are still not part of, we will be grateful if the possibility is explored to include a reference in favour of the adoption of a realistic but ambitious Global Framework for the post-2020 Biological Diversity during the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), to be held in Kunming, China, in May 2021.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission of Pakistan and to the Permanent Representation of Estonia to the United Nations Environment Programme the assurances of its highest consideration.



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NAIROBI, KENIA


Nairobi, October 15th, 2020.

To the co-facilitators for the informal consultations
under the auspices of the CPR
on the implementation of General Assembly Resolution 73/333,
H.E. Ms. Saqlain Syedah, High Commissioner of Pakistan, and
Mr. Ado Löhmus, Permanent Representative of Environment
of the Republic of Estonia.

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c.c.p. United Nations Environment Programme.