



25 January 2019

Excellencies, dear Colleagues,

We wish to thank you for your active participation in the first substantive session of the ad hoc open-ended working group established by General Assembly resolution 72/277 of 10 May 2018 entitled "Towards a Global Pact for the Environment", which took place from 14 to 18 January 2019 in Nairobi. We are encouraged by the exchange of views that characterized the session as well as the constructive engagement of all delegations.

As indicated during the session, we herewith provide you with the co-chairs summary of the first substantive session that was delivered at the end of the session which focuses mainly on the discussion of the Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Gaps in international environmental law and environment-related instruments: towards a global pact for the environment" (A/73/419). As we have mentioned during the session, while seeking to provide a synthesis of the wide-ranging views expressed at the first substantive session, this summary should not be interpreted as completely exhaustive and should be read together with the statements made by delegations throughout the session.

Looking ahead to the second substantive session that will take place in Nairobi from 18 to 20 March 2019, we would like to recall our proposal that delegations be given the opportunity to provide inputs that complements the views expressed during the first substantive session and focus on item 4 on the provisional agenda for the second substantive session: "Discussion of possible options to address possible gaps in international environmental law and environment-related instruments, as appropriate."

All delegations, including States that were not represented in this session and representatives of United Nations organizations, the secretariats of Multilateral Environment Agreements and non-governmental organizations referred to in the resolution, are invited to submit their views to the co-chairs as soon as possible, and no later than 20 of February 2019 at the following address: [unenvironment-law-director@un.org](mailto:unenvironment-law-director@un.org) and [environmentny@un.org](mailto:environmentny@un.org).

Finally, we attach the provisional agenda for our next session as was agreed at the first substantive session.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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