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UNEA-7 Ministerial Declaration - third ministerial consultations, 17th September

- Slovenia aligns itself with the statement made by the EU and wishes to add a few brief remarks in a national capacity.
- We thank the Presidency for its leadership and the considerable effort invested in this draft ministerial declaration, which we see improving with each round of consultations.
- In the latest available draft - we welcome the reference to the Pact for the Future and further suggest to link the ministerial declaration with the Declaration on Future Generations, as their future in particular depends on our today's ability to protect the environment.
- Slovenia welcomes additional reference to the ICJ's historic Advisory Opinion recognizing that all States must protect the climate system. Furthermore, we believe it is also important to highlight another Court's historic recognition - that the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is "essential" for the enjoyment of all other human rights.
- Last but not least, the recently published second part of the Report of the Executive Director includes a chapter on the Assembly's vision for the coming decade - it would be valuable for the declaration to also incorporate a forward-looking and inspirational perspective of this kind.
- Thank you.