Background Document
UNEA 5/12 Regional Intergovernmental Consultations

Briefing to Member States
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Background and Objective

- **Guidance** for regional consultations on UNEA 5/12

- Set the **context, global trends and stock-take** of existing initiatives

- Importance of **mining for sustainable development** while addressing the triple planetary crises

- **Frame discussion questions** to inform deliberations at the regional consultations
OP 3 (a) Stocktaking of Existing Activities

Overview of existing activities

- Risks and opportunities in the mining sector
- Multilateral environmental agreements and relevant regional environmental agreements and instruments
- Regulations, legislation
- Guidelines, Standards, and Industry Initiatives

Guiding questions

- What other existing activities and actions by public and private sector actors and other relevant stakeholders exist in your region?
- In your view, what are opportunities and barriers to the management of the environmental aspects of minerals and metals?
OP 3 (b) Identify Opportunities for Enhanced International Cooperation

Guiding questions

- What meaningful action(s) could be undertaken at a transboundary or international level to strengthen the environmental sustainability of minerals and metals management?
- How can Member States, business and industry, and civil society take leadership as well as be supported to advance sustainable management of minerals and metals?
- What role can international organizations play to improve environmental aspects of minerals and metals management?
- How can the multilateral system support a level playing field for market transformation with a life cycle approach?
Towards the Development of Non-Prescriptive Proposals (2)

What are non-prescriptive proposals?

In the context of this process, a non-prescriptive proposal is to be understood as a formal suggestion for enhanced international cooperation or possible ways forward. This may include, but is not restricted to, a proposal to encourage or work towards strategies, measures, options, recommendations, activities, principles, goals, agreements, or guidelines. Non-prescriptive proposals can lead to shorter-term voluntary, creative and innovative solutions, while member States advance discussions towards multilateral solutions. Within the mandate of the UNEA 5/12 resolution lies the expectation that the proposals resulting from this process will be put forward for consideration by the UNEA at its sixth session.

Guiding question

From your perspective, what measures and by whom could prevent and reduce the environmental impacts across the life cycle of minerals and metals?
Thank you