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Dear Tea;

Please find comments from Norway to the presented draft declaration for the upcoming MOP. The comments are presented as track changes in the document. The reasoning behind the most important comments is as follows:

- Biodiversity is fundamental to human well-being, a healthy planet, and economic prosperity for all people. We depend on it for food, medicine, energy, clean air and water, security from natural disasters as well as recreation and cultural inspiration, and it supports all systems of life on Earth. Given the internationally recognized crisis of loss of biodiversity and habitats, and the aim of the Espoo convention and its protocol, we believe the declaration should also reflect the new Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and its mission. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework seeks to respond to the Global Assessment Report of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services issued by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, and many other scientific documents that provide ample evidence that, despite ongoing efforts, biodiversity is deteriorating worldwide at rates unprecedented in human history (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-15/cop-15-dec-04-en.pdf>)
- We are unsure whether the description of the possibility of nuclear accidents might be a bit too "strong". Is there an alarming "likelihood" or is there an alarming "risk"? We have consulted with the Norwegian Radiation Control Authority, who suggests using "risk" instead of "likelihood".
- We believe the aim of the treaties is not to accelerate the energy transition per se. Rather, they should safeguard the environment in the effort to do so.

Best regards,

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