

The UNGA Adopts Resolution titled “Towards a Global Pact for the Environment”

On 10 May 2018, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution “Towards a Global Pact for the Environment” (document A/72/L.51) with 143 countries voted in favor, while six voted against and six others abstained. This effort received an almost unanimous support. The resolution opens the way for the negotiation of a new global pact for the protection of environment and establishes an *ad hoc* working group to identify gaps in international environmental law. The sessions of the *ad hoc* working group will be open for all member states and relevant NGOs.

On June 2017, France had introduced a proposal for a new legally binding instrument based on globally accepted principles of international environmental law. It took less than a year after that for the United Nations General Assembly to agree to move forward on a process to develop and agree on such a pact.