

Name of Member States / Organization	<u>Islamic Republic of Iran</u>
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ZERO DRAFT – 28th March 2025

Ministerial declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its seventh session

Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet

1. We, the world’s ministers for the environment, have gathered in Nairobi, Kenya, together with representatives of international organizations, major groups and other stakeholders, at the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, with the urgent aim of advancing sustainable, affordable and accessible (to be added) solutions for a resilient planet.
2. We welcome the Global Youth Environment Assembly held in Nairobi in December 2025 and its contribution (to be added) role (to be deleted) in fostering active participation by young people in multilateral environmental governance.
3. We welcome (to be deleted) note (to be added) the Global Environmental Outlook 2025 and its contribution to better understanding the environmental challenges and the solutions (to be added) findings (to be deleted).
4. We decide (to be deleted), recognizing (to be deleted) the importance of sustainable development as a priority, to take the following actions:
 - (a) Strengthen international cooperation to mitigate transboundary pollution issues, prioritize the development of advanced monitoring systems to effectively track and manage these issues across borders (to be deleted), ensuring a science-driven and risk based (to be added) approach supported with strong scientific evidences (to be added) to pollution control and environmental resilience, emphasizing on the effects of conflicts and call for their environmental evaluation and rehabilitation.
 - (b) Stress the implementation of unprecedented emission reductions: Member States are called on (to be added) must (to be deleted) to contribute commit (to be deleted) to cutting 42% per cent off annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, phase out inefficient (to be added) fossil fuels (to be deleted) subsidies (to be added), and drastically scale up renewable energy as appropriate (to be added). Stronger international cooperation and support, including through enhanced climate finance, will be essential to deliver on the Paris Agreement.

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(d) Recognizing that exacerbated sand and dust storms inflict substantial socioeconomic and environmental damage particularly in vulnerable, arid, and semi-arid regions, underscoring the importance of globally coordinated action (in line with UNEA Resolution 6/7), **(to be added)**

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(e) ~~Encourage~~ **(to be deleted)** Urge developed **(to be added)** Member States and others who are in a position to do so, **(to be added)** to engage and mobilize the international community **(to be deleted)** to enhance financial support to facilitate the implementation of agreed outcomes of the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) held from 11 to 24 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan as well as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and UNCCD Strategic Framework 2018 – 2030.

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(f) Requests the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and the multilateral funds to further enhance support for capacity-building in developing countries and to provide updates thereon in their annual reports to the Conference of the Parties and the meeting of the parties to the Multilateral Environment Agreements and encourages parties to further enhance support for capacity-building, including through international cooperation **(to be added)**

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(g) Foster synergies, cooperation and collaboration to advance the effective and inclusive implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) ~~and other internationally agreed global commitments, inviting the governing bodies of MEAs, (to be deleted)~~ whilst respecting their independence and respective mandates, to collaborate with the United Nations Environment Assembly to promote integrated approaches and policy coherence.

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(h) Call on regional forums of ministers of the environment and environmental authorities to engage in multilateral cooperation for a more effective international environmental governance that advances synergies and integrated **approaches and pathways (to be added)** ~~solutions (to be deleted)~~ across climate change, biodiversity and land degradation, pollution and waste action.

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(i) Advance circular economy ~~principles (to be deleted)~~ by encouraging industries to adopt sustainable **approaches (to be added)** ~~production and consumption models (to be deleted)~~ that emphasize resource efficiency, waste minimization, and the rethinking of product life cycles, through policy incentives and innovation, drive a systemic shift towards sustainability, reducing environmental impact and strengthening long-term planetary resilience.

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(j) Encouraging sustainable **approaches (to be added)** ~~solutions (to be deleted)~~ and environmental policies that is based on **strong (to be added)** ~~scientific evidences and (to be added)~~ research and innovations in monitoring, early warning and assessment systems in various fields to support the capacity of vital sectors. stressing the need to enhance coordination, coherence, and integration between early warning systems and disaster risk management systems.

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(k) Call for the strengthening disaster risk governance to manage natural and manmade hazards by integrating disaster risk reduction into policies, programmes, and investments at all levels, and calling for enhanced support for **all developing countries in particular (to be added)** Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), Small Islands Developing States (SIDS), and countries facing specific challenges.

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(l) Stress the need to enhance coordination, coherence and integration between early warning systems and disaster risk management systems to advance climate-resilient development and enhance response and recovery against manmade and natural disasters induced or exacerbated by climate change, such as **sand and dust storms, (to be added)**

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droughts, heavy rains, wildfires, heat waves, famines and flooding, leaving no one behind.

- (m) Champion a just transition towards a clean energy future by advocating for the widespread accessibility and adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, and the advancement of environmental rule of law. Ensure that the shift to an affordable and feasible (to be added) low-carbon economy is inclusive and equitable, by reducing emissions across industrial, transportation, and residential sectors, this transition contributes to climate resilience while fostering sustainable economic growth.
- (n) Call for enhancing (to be added) ~~enhance (to be deleted)~~ the efforts for an effective implementation of sustainable development goals which requires strong support for technology and knowledge transfer, as well as capacity building and finance (to be added). This includes fostering partnerships that enable access to new and affordable (to be added) technologies, expertise, and resources, while strengthening local skills and institutions. By enhancing the capabilities of local communities and industries, developing countries can better drive their own growth and development.
- (o) Emphasizing the importance of cooperation and exchange of expertise between governments and international organizations and collective action to combat different environmental issues such as climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, building capacity at national scale.
- (p) Advancing sustainable, accessible and affordable (to be added) solutions for a resilient planet and to encourage develop & incorporate digital solutions and AI in national plans as innovative solutions that contribute to accelerate achieving SDG plan towards sustainability and encouraging the full access to data.
- (q) Stress the need for a comprehensive assessment of the potential negative environmental and social (to be added) impacts of artificial intelligence, ~~including energy consumption and carbon emissions (to be deleted)~~ associated with digital infrastructure. This should be accompanied by strengthened regulatory frameworks and standards to ensure its development and use with respect to national sovereignty and (to be added) align with environmental sustainability ~~principles and (to be deleted)~~ ecosystem protection and social values of each country (to be added), while promoting international cooperation and the exchange of best practices for responsible and ethical AI deployment.
- (r) ~~[Placeholder on the outcome of the second part of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally-binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.] (to be deleted)~~
- (s) ~~[Placeholder on the outcome of the resumed third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.] (to be deleted)~~
- (t) To promote cooperation and partnerships at global, regional, and subregional levels to develop and implement integrated action plans and technical collaboration to address sand and dust storms and their adverse impacts (in line with UNEA Resolution 6/7). (to be added)
- (u) To build capacity for research, modelling and early warning systems aimed at minimizing the impacts of sand and dust storms on ecosystems, human rights and livelihoods. (to be added)
- (v) Call for ecosystem protection by strengthening ecosystem (to be added) nature (to be deleted)-based approaches (to be added) ~~solutions (to be deleted)~~, ensuring sustainable water management, minimizing deforestation and forest degradation, and safeguarding, conserving, and restoring degraded land, soil, and ecosystems. These ecosystems support livelihood as well as (to be added) food, water, and energy security, serve as habitats for biodiversity, and contribute to carbon storage and sequestration. Their

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- (w) Call for Biodiversity Conservation and effective implementation of KM-GBF and recognize that biodiversity in all 3 levels (Ecosystem, Species and Gene), supports food, water and energy security, and contributes to carbon storage and sequestration and delivers numerous economic, social and environmental co-benefits, reinforcing efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals" (to be added)
- (x) Call for ecosystem protection by strengthening proper solutions and approaches, ensuring sustainable water management, minimizing deforestation and forest degradation, and safeguarding, conserving, and restoring degraded land, soil, and wetland ecosystems. Their preservation delivers numerous economic, social, and environmental co-benefits, reinforcing efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (to be added)
- (y) Invite member states to enhance the role of women, youth and civil society, indigenous people and local communities (to be added) in the protection of the environment and to enhance (to be added) ensure (to be deleted) their inclusive participation in decision-making processes, protecting and respecting the human (to be deleted) right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.
- (z) Commit to cooperate and to enhance the capacities of developing countries (to be added) to transition to sustainable food systems in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizing with great urgency that a multisectoral and integrated approach to food systems is critical to achieving global food security, ending hunger and all forms of malnutrition, while accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant multilateral environmental agreements.
- (aa) Urge Member States, international financial institutions, private foundations, funds and other actors to cooperate to align the global financial architecture with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and strengthen national policy and regulatory frameworks to enhance the transparency, fairness, equitability (to be added) availability and predictability of financial support to developing countries (to be added) to implement the goals and targets of the UNFCCC, (to be added) the Paris Agreement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the BRS Conventions (to be added) Global Framework (to be deleted) on Chemicals.
- (bb) Recognize that Member States have the right to develop and exploit their own natural resources taking into account their specific needs and requirements to alleviate poverty and hunger (to be added)
- (cc) Notes that the global transition to low-emissions and climate resilient development provides opportunities for and poses challenges to sustainable development, economic, growth and eradication of poverty (to be added)
- (dd) Encourage Parties, in their efforts to diversify their economics, to pursue relevant policies in a manner that promotes sustainable development and eradication of poverty, taking into account national circumstances (to be added)
- (ee) Recognizes that Parties should cooperate on promoting a supportive and open international economic system aimed at achieving sustainable economic growth and development in all countries and thus enabling them to better address the problems of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, noting that measures taken to combat those challenges, including unilateral ones, should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade (to be added)

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