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

Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet

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1. We, the ministers for the environment of the member states attending the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, have gathered in Nairobi, Kenya, together with representatives of international organizations, major groups and other stakeholders, , with the aim of advancing sustainable objective for a resilient planet.
2. We reaffirm all the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development .
3. We **take note of the Pact for the Future and welcome the findings of the** Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem (IPBES) Assessment Report on the Interlinkages Among Biodiversity, Water, Food and Health.
4. We recognize that the interconnected nature of the global environmental challenges , including climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, as well as desertification, sand and dust storms, land **and soil** degradation, drought and **deforestation**, requires urgent and collective responses from the international community, and therefore **decide to consider the following actions on a nationally determined basis and taking into account national circumstances, capabilities, needs and challenges of each country in addressing those issues:**

Action 1: We will consider policies and measures that drive sustainable , affordable and accessible approaches to address the global environmental challenges of our time.

- A. We, recognizing the importance of sustainable development, **will strengthen international** cooperation among governments, international organizations, the scientific community and civil society, **which remains a fundamental catalyst** to advance sustainable, **equitable** and integrated approaches **towards the global environmental challenges we face.**
- B. **We will** strengthen international and regional cooperation to build the capacities required to prevent and reduce **all forms of** pollution and **promote** accessible and affordable **technological** development and transfer, **availability and accessibility to** advanced **pollution** monitoring and removal systems to effectively **detect** and manage **pollution within and** across borders, ensuring an evidence-based and strong science-driven approach.

- C. We are determined to advance circularity approaches and policy responses **that promote resource efficiency** in consumption and production, waste minimization, **the prevention and minimization of exposures to scientifically proven harmful chemicals, the reduction of air, soil and water pollution** and the rethinking of product design across **life cycle** of the products. **We will** advance innovation and systemic shifts in an accessible, affordable and feasible manner **in relevant sectors** to reduce environmental impact for a resilient planet, **including through the implementation of appropriate Sustainable Patterns.**

- D. **We will drive transition pathways to sustainable food systems in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizing the importance of a multisectoral and integrated approach for addressing biodiversity loss, water stress, pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and for achieving global food and water security, ending hunger and all forms of malnutrition, accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant multilateral environmental agreements taking into account national circumstances, capabilities, needs and challenges of each country.**

- E. **We will**, in an effort to create just and equitable societies and leave no one behind, champion **international cooperation to enable** just transitions towards a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. We will advocate for the widespread **development, transfer and** accessibility to renewable energy and energy efficient technologies. **We will promote the adoption of practices that** reduce resource intensity, **ensure accountability throughout value chains, ; and we will enhance our efforts to protect workers and communities impacted by the global shift towards a low emission economy and circularity.**

- F. We recognize that the increasing **variability of the global water cycle and deteriorating water quality** pose a significant challenge to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and affects the resilience of ecosystems, communities, and economies. We reaffirm the importance of enhancing water efficiency and sustainable water management, strengthen cooperation at all levels, and support innovative water solutions, including **ecosystem-based approaches**, that promote water efficiency and equitable access to safe and clean water. We encourage the sharing of knowledge, capacity building, and mobilizing and providing financial resources, in particular to developing countries, to address water-related environmental challenges in a holistic and integrated manner, **involving all relevant stakeholders.**

- G. We will advance the implementation of Health approach at all levels, whilst enhancing the science knowledge and proven evidences amongst countries and stakeholders, for a coordinated and cross-sectoral response **to a sustainable and balanced health system.** We will promote the **work of the** Quadripartite One Health Alliance to enhance its policy impact, in line with national circumstances, capabilities, needs, challenges and priorities.

- H. We urge all Member States to pursue appropriate Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) **in an effort to contribute to limiting global warming to 1.5°C through deep, rapid and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions and moving towards transitioning away, where possible from unabated fossil fuels in energy systems**, and to develop and implement National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) to advance resilient **ecosystem-based approaches and solutions**, whilst ensuring **the inclusive engagement of all stakeholders and sectors within each country**. We urge **developed countries to continue taking the lead in providing and mobilizing financial resources, based on grants and high-concessional loans, to developing countries, to contribute to** the swift implementation of **the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement**.
- I. We stress the need to enhance coordination, coherence and integration through financial, technical and technological support between early warning systems and disaster risk **reduction** systems to advance climate-resilient development, while strengthening **disaster prevention**, preparedness, response and recovery capacities in the face of anthropogenic or climate-induced disasters, including droughts, wildfires, heat waves, heavy rains and floods, sand and dust storms. We call for the strengthening of disaster risk governance **to build long-term resilience** by integrating **ecosystem-based** disaster risk reduction **and nature-based** approaches into policies, programmes, and investments at all levels, and enhancing support for all developing countries.
- J. We encourage Member States to consider incorporation of affordable and feasible digital **technologies, including** Artificial Intelligence (AI), in national development plans to accelerate progress towards the achievement **of the SDGs. We also encourage** cooperation to deepen the scientific assessment of the environmental impacts of AI **to inform policy** and to exchange best practices to ensure **environmentally responsible development** and deployment, while **promoting** accessibility and affordability of AI tools, leaving no one behind.

Action 2: We encourage member countries and all other stakeholders to implement multilateral environmental agreements and other internationally agreed environmental frameworks with collective resolve and commitment.

- K. We will advance the swift implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals to protect human health and the environment from the proven harmful effects of chemicals and waste being used beyond permissible levels, by promoting the sound management of chemicals and waste across all sectors, which contributes directly to the Sustainable Development Goals.
- L. We take note the establishment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution and consider **advancing a strong science-policy interface in addressing the adverse impacts of chemicals being used beyond permissible levels, waste, and pollution on human health and the environment.**

- M.** We take note of the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, and encourage member states to continue engaging constructively and actively and with a sense of solidarity in the ongoing negotiations with a view of completing the work of the INC at the earliest possible.
- N.** We encourage all States and regional economic integration organizations that have not done so to consider signing and ratifying, approving or accepting the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement), towards its effective implementation. **We commit to enhancing and accelerating just and informed policies and measures on marine conservation and restoration, ocean governance, and sustainable fisheries, to foster sustainable ocean-based economies, and advance the implementation of the Political Declaration adopted at the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference to safeguard marine biodiversity for present and future generations.**
- O.** We will strive to advance **ambitious National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and effective policy responses to halt and reverse biodiversity loss. We will address ecosystem degradation and maintain ecosystem services that support all systems of life on Earth, including marine ecosystems which act as sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases. We recognize that we depend on these services for food, medicine, energy, clean air and water, the protection from natural disasters, as well as recreation and cultural inspiration.**
- P.** We will encourage developed countries and others who are in position to do so to increase finance to close the biodiversity funding gap, by identifying and addressing inefficient subsidies and mobilising at least 200 billion USD annually by 2030 from all sources to developing countries, including domestic, international, public and private resources, in effective, timely and easily accessible manner, to support biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, including through the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund.
- Q.** We will strive for the achievement of the Land Degradation Neutrality targets of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification through the implementation of effective National Action Programmes and mobilizing financial resources, building capacity and facilitating technology transfer. Our efforts will focus on addressing land degradation and drought and sand and dust storms through restoration, land protection and conservation,.

Action 3: We will consider to advance equity, inclusive societal participation and accessible means of implementation in our actions for the benefit of present and future generations.

- R. **We call for enhanced efforts by the developed countries to ensure adequate, accessible, and predictable means of implementation for developing countries to enable to tackle the global environmental challenges and crises we face, whilst pursuing their sustainable development pathways to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, through adequate financing, capacity-building, and technology transfer.**
- S. We welcome efforts to reform the international financial architecture and the financing for development system **and call for timely and predictably provision of financial support consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, inviting cooperation and policy responses from developed countries and other Member States who are in position to do so and Observer States of the United Nations, relevant stakeholders, international financial institutions, global funds and financial mechanisms, multilateral development banks and private foundations. **We recognize the need to promote coherent policy and regulatory frameworks to mobilize and align public and private business and finance with the transition to sustainable, climate-resilient economies.**
- T. **We will** promote support to enable women and girls **and intergenerational justice**, and enhance the engagement of women and girls, youth, **the elderly, persons with disabilities**, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and **people of African descent** in the conservation and protection of the environment and ensuring their inclusive and meaningful participation in decision-making processes to advance sustainable approaches for a resilient planet, whilst protecting and promoting the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.
- U. We will deepen cooperation and collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, **local communities and people of African descent** to incorporate indigenous, **traditional** and local knowledge and practices in environmental decision-making, while further emphasizing the importance of localized and culturally sensitive approaches that empower all segments of society and contribute to inclusive and sustainable development, leaving no one behind.

Action 4: We will promote effective and coherent international environmental governance that adheres to the rules of , Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

- V. **We reaffirm the critical importance of synergies, cooperation, and collaboration in the national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other internationally agreed frameworks. We invite the governing bodies of these agreements, while respecting their mandates and independence, and in close consultation and agreement of the member states, to work with the United Nations Environment Programme to build a coherent and effective international environmental governance framework, promote integrated approaches, and ensure the full engagement of all countries.**
- W. **We urge developed countries to commit to** increasing the effectiveness of environmental assistance and recovery in areas affected by armed conflict, while urging all Member States to adhere to the Charter of the United Nations, human rights law and

international humanitarian law, as applicable, in relation to the protection of the environment in areas affected by armed conflict.

- X. Noting that crimes internationally recognized through MEAs that affect the environment are a serious threat to advancing appropriate actions for a safer and more resilient planet, we invite Member States to harmonize legislation, improve international cooperation, and enhance data collection and enforcement capacity to protect the environment and its natural resources from the said crimes and offences.**
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