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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 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 solutions 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 and its Sustainable Development Goals. We reaffirm our commitment to the full and effective implementation of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, and the Land Degradation Neutrality Targets of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.
3. {Placeholder} Global Youth Environment Assembly, December 2025.
4. {Placeholder} Seventh Edition of Global Environmental Outlook 2025 and its findings.
5. We take note with appreciation of the Pact for the Future and welcome the findings of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem (IPBES) Thematic Assessment Report on the Interlinkages Among Biodiversity, Water, Food and Health and the Thematic assessment report on the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity.
6. We recognize that the interconnected nature of the global environmental challenges and crises, including climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, as well as desertification, land and soil degradation, drought and **deforestation and wildfires**, requires urgent and collective responses from the international community, and therefore **decide to take the following actions:**

Action 1: We will take bold actions that drive sustainable solutions to address the global environmental challenges and crises 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 solutions **to the global environmental challenges and crises we face.**

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We will support efforts to advance a circular, sustainable, and inclusive bioeconomy that addresses issues relating to climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, and pollution reduction. We note the importance of the sustainable use of bioeconomy in strengthening food security and nutrition and we recognise the potential of bioeconomy as a basis for sustainable growth.

- B. **We** will strengthen international and regional cooperation to prevent and reduce **all forms of pollution** and **promote** the **technological** development, **availability and accessibility to pollution** monitoring systems to effectively **detect** and manage **pollution within and across borders**, ensuring an evidence-based and science-driven approach.
- C. **We** support the advancement of circular economy approaches and policy responses **that promote resource efficiency** in consumption and production, waste minimization, **the prevention and minimization of exposures to harmful chemicals, the reduction of air, soil and water pollution** and the rethinking of product design across **its full life cycle**. **We will** advance innovation and systemic shifts across **sectors** to reduce environmental impact for a resilient planet, **including through the implementation of 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns.**
- D. **We will** drive a transition to sustainable food systems and sustainable, healthy diets **in** line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizing the importance of a multisectoral and integrated approach for addressing biodiversity and forest loss, water stress, pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and for achieving global food security, ending hunger and all forms of malnutrition, accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including the Global Forest Goals.
- E. **We will**, in an effort to create just and equitable societies and leave no one behind, champion **international cooperation to enable** a just transition 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 traceability, transparency and accountability throughout value chains, including for critical minerals essential to the energy transition; and we will protect workers and communities impacted by the global shift towards a green and circular economy.**
- F. We recognize that the increasing instability **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 recognise that “green water” (water held in soils and vegetation) plays a critical role in recharging and sustaining cryosphere, surface and groundwater systems, and this critical role should be mainstreamed into national policies, international governance frameworks, and sustainable water management. We also recognise that ecosystem degradation and deforestation undermine water security. We reaffirm our commitment to enhance sustainable water management, strengthen cooperation at all levels, and support innovative solutions, including nature-based solutions **and ecosystem-based approaches**, that promote water efficiency and equitable access to safe and clean water, and support ecosystems crucial to a functioning global water cycle. We encourage sharing of knowledge, capacity building, and mobilizing resources to address water-related challenges in a holistic and integrated manner, **involving all relevant stakeholders**.

- G. We will advance the implementation of the One Health approach at all levels, whilst enhancing the science knowledge and evidence amongst countries and stakeholders, for a coordinated and cross-sectoral response **to sustainably balance and optimize human, animal and ecosystem health**, noting the landmark commitments to One Health in the Pandemic Agreement adopted at the 78th World Health Assembly. We will promote the **work of the** Quadripartite One Health Alliance to enhance its policy impact, in line with national circumstances and priorities. [Placeholder] We welcome the launch of the Independent Panel for Evidence for Action Against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) during UNEA-7]
- H. We urge all Member States to pursue ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) **that include all greenhouse gases in an effort to limit global warming to 1.5°C through deep, rapid and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions and the transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems**, and to develop and implement National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) to advance resilient solutions, including nature-based solutions **and ecosystem-based approaches**, whilst ensuring **the inclusive engagement of all stakeholders and sectors within each country**. We urge the swift implementation of the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance under the Paris Agreement, from a wide variety of sources, with developed countries taking the lead.
- I. We stress the need to enhance coordination, coherence and integration 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 solutions** into policies, programmes, and investments at all levels, and enhancing support for all countries, including Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), Small Islands Developing States (SIDS), recognizing that **local vulnerabilities**

to climate change and disasters are often exacerbated by climate change, biodiversity loss, fragility, armed conflicts, migration and displacement issues.

- J. We encourage Member States to incorporate sustainable 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 support **environmentally** responsible **development** and deployment, while **promoting** accessibility and affordability of AI tools, leaving no one behind, **to implement the goals of the Global Digital Compact.**

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We recognise that ecosystem degradation and collapse can have severe negative impacts, such as crop failure, infectious disease outbreaks, water insecurity, and more frequent and severe disasters like floods and wildfires. These impacts pose growing threats to the **foundations** of human wellbeing and to global security, stability, and prosperity, which underscores the need for urgent and coordinated action at all levels.

Action 2: We will 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 harmful effects of chemicals and waste, by promoting the sound management of chemicals and waste across all sectors, which contributes directly to the Sustainable Development Goals.
- L. We welcome the establishment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution and commit to advancing a strong science-policy interface in addressing the adverse impacts of chemicals, 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 reaffirm our shared commitment to continue engaging constructively and actively and with a sense of urgency in the ongoing negotiations with a view of completing the work of the INC at the third part of its fifth session.
- N.  We call upon 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 transformative action 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 advance the swift, full and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework through **National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)** aligned with the Framework **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 and forest 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, in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, increase finance for nature to close the biodiversity funding gap, by identifying and addressing harmful subsidies and mobilising at least 200 billion USD annually by 2030 from all sources, 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.**

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We welcome the launch of the Cali Fund for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources as a key benefit sharing mechanism to support the delivery of the KMGBF, and reaffirm our support for its full and effective implementation.

- 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 voluntary technology transfer on mutually agreed terms. Our efforts will focus on addressing land degradation and drought through restoration, land protection and conservation, as well as the development of sustainable food and agricultural production systems and practices that enhance food security.**

Action 3: We will 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 to ensure adequate, accessible, and predictable means of implementation for all countries, in particular developing countries to enable them to tackle the global environmental challenges and crises we face, whilst pursuing their sustainable development pathways to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, through financing from all sources, capacity-building, and voluntary technology transfer on mutually agreed terms.**
- S. We welcome efforts to reform the international financial architecture and the financing for development system **and call for making financial flows consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, the Paris Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework inviting cooperation and policy responses from all Member States and Observer States of the United Nations, and others, including relevant stakeholders, international financial institutions, global funds and financial mechanisms, multilateral development banks and private institutions. **We recognize the need to promote coherent policy and regulatory frameworks to mobilize and align public and private business and finance from all sources with the transition to sustainable, climate-resilient economies.**
- T. **We will promote gender equality 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**^[1] in the conservation and protection of the environment and ensuring their inclusive and meaningful participation in decision-making processes to advance sustainable solutions for a resilient planet, whilst affirming the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in line with UNGA resolution 76/300.
- U. We will deepen cooperation and collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, **local communities and people of African descent**^[1] 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 international law.

- 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, to work closely with the United Nations Environment Programme to build a coherent and effective international environmental governance framework, promote integrated policy responses, governance and financial resources, and ensure the full engagement of all countries.**

- W. **We 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 rules of international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, international humanitarian law and human rights law, as applicable, in relation to the protection of the environment in areas affected by armed conflict.
- X. **Recognizing that crimes that affect the environment are a serious threat to advancing sustainable solutions for a safer and more resilient planet, we invite Member States to, improve international cooperation, and enhance data collection and enforcement capacity to protect the environment and its natural resources from the most serious offences.**
- Y. **We note the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 23 July 2025 on obligations of States in respect of climate change, which addresses the legal obligations of States under international law in relation to climate change and encourages all States to strengthen international cooperation and promote the implementation of their legal obligations.**
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