

Final revised draft

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** principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.
3. {Placeholder} Global Youth Environment Assembly, December 2025.
4. **We endorse the** seventh edition of the Global Environmental Outlook 2025 and its findings.
5. We take note with appreciation of the Pact for the Future **as well as** the findings of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem (IPBES) Assessment Report on the Interlinkages Among Biodiversity, Water, Food and Health **and the assessment report on the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, determinants of transformative change, and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity.**
6. We recognize 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, deforestation, **wildfires, and sand and dust storms, which** 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, civil society and the private sector to advance sustainable, equitable and integrated solutions to the global environmental challenges and crises we face.
- B. We will strengthen international and regional cooperation to prevent and reduce all forms of pollution and build and enhance national monitoring **and response** systems **and/or actions** to effectively detect and manage pollution, **ensuring an evidence - and science - based approach.**

- C. We commit to **advancing sustainable production and consumption, through circular economy and other approaches, the promotion of sustainable lifestyles and** policy responses that promote resource efficiency, waste minimization, **including local and national zero-waste initiatives**, the prevention and minimization of exposures to hazardous chemicals, the reduction of air, soil, land and water pollution and to enhance the design of products, taking into account life-cycle assessments. **We will support efforts to advance a sustainable and inclusive bio economy that contribute to climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, and pollution. We will** advance innovation and systemic shifts in high impact sectors, in line with national circumstances and priorities, to reduce environmental impact for a resilient planet, including through **the work of the 10Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns and other international, regional and national initiatives.**
- D. We will accelerate **the transition** towards sustainable food systems in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizing the importance of a multisectoral and integrated approach for achieving global food security **and eradicating poverty, while addressing environmental challenges and crises.** We will strive to end hunger and all forms of malnutrition, accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant multilateral environmental agreements.
- E. We will **promote and facilitate just transition pathways towards sustainable economies and societies**, leaving no one behind. We will invest in education, skills development and public awareness to empower individuals and communities to participate in and benefit from the just transition, whilst protecting workers, **people in vulnerable situations and communities** impacted by the global shift towards **a sustainable** and circular economy. We will **cooperate and** advocate for the widespread development, **transfer on mutually agreed terms** and accessibility to renewable, low-emission and efficient energy solutions. We will promote the adoption of practices that reduce resource intensity, ensure equity, efficiency, and **sustainability** throughout value chains, for the energy transition
- F. We recognize that the increasing threats **to water quantity and quality** pose a significant challenge to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and affect the resilience of ecosystems, communities, and economies. We reaffirm our commitment to enhance sustainable water management, strengthen cooperation at all levels, **in line with Environment Assembly resolution 6/13** and support innovative solutions, including nature-based solutions **and/or** ecosystem-based approaches, that promote access to safe and clean water. We encourage sharing of knowledge, capacity building, and mobilizing financial resources to address water-related challenges in a holistic and integrated manner, involving all relevant stakeholders, **in line with** the UN system-wide strategy for water and sanitation.

- G. We will advance the implementation of the One Health approach, **which, among other holistic approaches, recognizes that the health of humans is closely linked and interdependent with the health of domestic and wild animals, as well as plants and the wider environment**. We will enhance 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. **We take note of the relevant work of** Quadripartite One Health Alliance to enhance its policy impact, in line with national circumstances and priorities.
- H. We urge all Member States to pursue ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) **aligned with holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 C above pre-industrial level** and advance the outcomes of the first global stock take. We urge all Member States to advance the achievement of the global goal on adaptation and to develop and implement National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) to advance resilient solutions, including nature-based solutions **and/or** ecosystem-based approaches, whilst ensuring the inclusive engagement of all stakeholders and sectors within each country.
- I. **We reaffirm the outcome on the New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance agreed at the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement held in Baku. We stress the need to urgently advance actions to enable the scaling up of financing for developing countries for climate action from all public and private sources to at least USD 1.3 trillion per year by 2035 and emphasize the urgent need to remain on a pathway towards the goal of mobilizing at least USD 300 billion for developing countries per year by 2035 for climate action, with developed countries taking the lead.**
- J. 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 developing countries.
- K. 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 and benefits of AI to inform policy decisions, to exchange best practices to ensure its environmentally responsible development and

deployment, and to promote safe, secure, and trustworthy AI tools, **in a responsible and ethical manner**, leaving no one behind.

Action 2: We will implement multilateral environmental agreements and other internationally agreed environmental frameworks with collective resolve and commitment.

- L.** We will advance **towards the** 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 relevant** sectors, to contribute directly to the Sustainable Development Goals, **including through an integrating financing approach based on enhanced mainstreaming and greater industry involvement and through strengthening dedicated external financing, in order to prevent, or where prevention is not feasible, minimize adverse health and environmental impacts.**
- M.** 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, fostering scientific collaboration and promoting policy coherence.
- N.** 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, **based on a comprehensive approach, in line with the Environment Assembly resolution 5/14. We reaffirm our shared commitment to continue engaging constructively and actively, and with the sense of urgency and solidarity, in seeking to develop a fair, effective, balanced, and ambitious international legally binding instrument.**
- O.** We **encourage Member States and regional economic integration organizations, as appropriate, to consider ratifying, approving, accepting or acceding to** 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).. We commit to enhancing and accelerating just and transformative action on marine conservation, restoration **and sustainable use, fostering** sustainable ocean-based economies, and **advancing the priorities set out in the** Political Declaration adopted at the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference to safeguard marine biodiversity for present and future generations.
- P.** We will advance the full and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework through National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and effective policy responses to halt and reverse biodiversity loss **in line with the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity.** We will address ecosystem

degradation and maintain ecosystem services that support all systems of life on Earth. We recognize that we depend on these services for food, medicine, energy, clean air and water, the protection from natural hazards, as well as recreation and cultural inspiration.

- Q. We will strive to close the biodiversity funding gap by mobilizing at least 200 billion USD annually by 2030, in line with target 19 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and strengthening capacity building, technology transfer, and scientific and technical cooperation for biodiversity, including through the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund. We will identify and eliminate, phase out or reform incentives, including subsidies, harmful for biodiversity, in a proportionate, just, fair, effective and equitable way, while substantially and progressively reducing them by at least 500 billion USD per year by 2030.**
- R. We underline the importance of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in tackling, in a balanced manner, desertification, land degradation, and drought and we will strive for the achievement of the Voluntary 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 on mutually agreed terms to support developing countries. Our efforts will focus on addressing desertification, 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.

- S. We call for enhanced efforts to ensure adequate, predictable and timely means of implementation to tackle the global environmental challenges and crises we face, whilst pursuing their sustainable development pathways to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, through financing, capacity building, and the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms.**
- T. We commit to the continued reform of the international financial architecture to enhance its resilience, coherence and effectiveness in responding to present and future challenges and crises and call for making financial flows consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in line with efforts to address the financing gap faced by developing countries. 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 and invite cooperation and policy responses from all Member States and Observer States of the United Nations, relevant stakeholders, international financial institutions, global funds and financial mechanisms, multilateral development banks and private foundations.**

- U. We will promote gender equality and enhance the engagement of women and girls, children and 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 solutions for a resilient planet, **whilst recalling General Assembly resolution 76/300 of 28 July 2022 on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.**
- V. 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 international law.

- W. We reaffirm the critical importance of synergies, cooperation, and collaboration in the 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 build a coherent and effective international environmental governance framework, promoting integrated approaches and ensuring the full engagement of all countries. **We also reaffirm the role of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda and the importance of recruiting staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.**
- X. 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 international law, including 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.
- Y. Recognizing, **in line with United Nations General Assembly resolution 76/185**, 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 strengthen legislation, improve international cooperation, and enhance data collection and enforcement capacity to protect the environment and its natural resources from the most serious offences.