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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.
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) Assessment Report on the Interlinkages Among Biodiversity, Water, Food and Health.
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**, requires urgent and collective responses from the international community, and therefore **pledge to take the following actions:**

Action 1: We will take actions that drive progressively sustainable solutions to address the global environmental challenges and crises of our time.

- A. We, recognizing the importance of progressive sustainable development, **will strengthen global** cooperation among governments, international organizations, the scientific community and civil society, **which is the fundamental catalyst** 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 enhance the efforts towards preventing and reducing pollution and **promote** the **technological** development, **availability and accessibility to** enable **pollution** monitoring systems to effectively **detect** and manage **pollution** promoting an evidence-based and science-driven approach.

- C. We recognize the importance 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** We need to encourage advancing innovation and systemic shifts **in all key high impact 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**. Member States acknowledge the importance of collective global efforts to advance sustainability and the circular economy. These include the UNEA-6 Resolution on Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles, the Ramsar CoP15 Resolution on Sustainable Lifestyles for the Wise Use of Wetlands, as well as national initiatives in promoting sustainable lifestyles such as India's Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment).
- D. We aim to promote **progressive sustainable food systems and healthy diets in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizing the importance of an integrated regional and landscape based collaborative approach for addressing biodiversity loss, water stress, pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and for achieving global food security, eliminating hunger and malnutrition, enhancing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant multilateral environmental agreements.**
- E. We will, work towards creating just, inclusive and equitable societies by promoting global **international cooperation to enable** and evolve transition towards a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. We aim to support widespread **development, transfer and** accessibility to renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies. .
- 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 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. 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.** We will promote the **work of the** 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) to hold increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and pursue efforts to limit temperature increase to 1.5°C, **we further urge developed member states to take lead 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 **developed countries to enhance provision and mobilization of 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 Paris Agreement**.
- I. We emphasize the importance of enhancing coordination, and integration between early warning systems and disaster risk **reduction** systems to promote 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 encourage the strengthening of disaster risk governance **to build long-term resilience** by integrating **ecosystem-based and nature-based solutions** for disaster risk reduction 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 fragility, armed conflicts, migration and displacement issues.

Action 2: We will work together to carry out multilateral environmental agreements and other internationally agreed environmental frameworks with shared determination and commitment.

- J. We will encourage parties to support the implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals to safeguard human health and the environment from the harmful effects of chemicals and waste, by promoting the management of chemicals and waste across sectors, in manner that aligns with the national pathways, priorities and approaches which contributes directly to the Sustainable Development Goals.
- K. **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.**

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 and solidarity in the ongoing negotiations with a view of completing the work of the INC at the third part of its fifth session in an inclusive, transparent and party driven manner following the Rio Principles including common but differentiated responsibilities, national circumstances, priorities and capabilities.

- L.** 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 are committed 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.**
- M.** We will work towards implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework through **updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and effective policy responses to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, as appropriate in line with the national pathways, priorities and approaches. We will focus on addressing 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 understand 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.**
- N.** We aim, in-line with the Target 19 of Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, to increase finance for nature to close the biodiversity funding gap, by identifying and mobilising at least 200 billion USD annually by 2030 from all sources, including domestic, international, public and private resources, in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in effective, timely and easily accessible manner, to support biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, including through the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund.
- O.** We aim 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 through restoration, land protection and conservation,

as well as the development of progressively sustainable agriculture practices to improve food security.

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

- P.** We promote enhanced efforts 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.
- Q.** 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, encouraging 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. .
- R.** We aim to 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 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 protecting and promoting the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.
- S.** We will enhance 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 consistent and effective approach to international environmental governance

- T.** We emphasize the critical importance of synergies, cooperation, and collaboration in the national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other internationally agreed frameworks. We encourage the governing bodies of these agreements, while respecting their mandates and independence, to work closely with the United Nations Environment Programme to build international

environmental governance framework, promoting integrated approaches, and engagement of all countries.

- U. We encourage the member states** to enhance the effectiveness of environmental assistance and recovery in areas affected by armed conflict, while urging all Member States to follow the rules of 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.
- V. Recognizing that crimes that affect the environment are a significant threat to advancing sustainable solutions for a safer and more resilient planet, we encourage Member States to streamline legislations, improve international cooperation, and enhance data collection to protect the environment and its natural resources from the most serious offences.**

Action 5: We note the shift in views and values to recognize human-nature interconnectedness

- W.** We note that the human behaviours are habitual, learned within social and environmental conditions – and they can be changed by enhancing the visibility of desired behaviours and supporting these with targeted policy measures which can catalyze and sustain new social norms and behaviours. We encourage, cultivating feelings of nature-connectedness, which is equally as important as the transformative learning and education, experiential nature-based activities and knowledge co-creation by combining different knowledge systems including Indigenous and local knowledge.
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