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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 the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, **including the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities as set out in Principle 7 thereof**, 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 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, **the private sector** and civil society 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 accountability** systems to effectively detect and manage pollution within and across borders, ensuring an evidence-based and science-driven approach.
- C. We commit to advancing circular economy approaches and policy responses that promote resource efficiency **and sustainable** consumption and production, waste minimization, 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 advance innovation and systemic shifts in all key high impact sectors, **in line with national circumstances and priorities**, 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 **accelerate the shift towards** sustainable food systems **and strengthen collaboration for access to affordable, diversified, safe and** healthy diets in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizing the importance of a multisectoral and integrated approach for addressing biodiversity loss, water **scarcity**, pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and for achieving global food security. **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, in an effort to create **sustainable economies and** 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, **low-emission and efficient energy solutions**. We will promote the adoption of practices that reduce resource intensity, ensure **equity, efficiency, and responsibility** throughout value chains, to the energy transition. **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, **vulnerable groups and** communities impacted by the global shift towards a green and circular economy.
- 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 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, **and in support of the implementation of the UN system-wide strategy for water and sanitation**.
- 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) **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 ecosystem-based approaches, whilst ensuring the inclusive engagement of all stakeholders and sectors within each country. We urge **all countries**, to contribute to the swift implementation of the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance under the Paris Agreement **of mobilizing at least USD 300 billion per year by 2035 for climate action.**
- 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 **developing** countries.
- 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 **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, leaving no one behind.

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, **fostering scientific collaboration and promoting policy coherence.**
- 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, **taking into account national circumstances.**

- N. We call upon all States and regional economic integration organizations that have not done so to consider 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, restoration **and sustainable use, fostering** sustainable ocean-based economies, and **advancing** 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 **full and effective** implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework through 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 **wetlands, rainforests and** 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 **hazards**, as well as recreation and cultural inspiration.
- P. We will, in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, **identify and reduce** harmful **incentives for biodiversity by at least 500 billion USD per year by 2030, whilst scaling up positive incentives. We will also strive to close the biodiversity funding gap by** mobilising at least 200 billion USD annually by 2030 from all sources **and strengthening capacity building, technology transfer, and scientific and technical cooperation for biodiversity**, 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 **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.

- R. We call for enhanced efforts to ensure **all** adequate, predictable **and timely** means of implementation for 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 adequate financing, capacity-building, and **the transfer of technology on voluntary and 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, inviting 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. 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 gender equality and enhance the engagement of women and girls, **children and** youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities 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 promoting the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.
- U. We will deepen cooperation and collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, and local communities 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 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 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, human rights law and international humanitarian 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 **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.
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