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

Advancing in ~~sustainable~~ the achievement of internationally agreed commitments and the promotion of innovative solutions for a sustainable and resilient 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 in the achievement of internationally agreed commitments and the promotion of innovative ~~sustainable~~ solutions for a sustainable and 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~~.~~, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the Paris Agreement, UNEA Resolutions, and UN agreed intergovernmental negotiated outcomes and decisions on environmental matters.

3 bis We welcome the operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including the Fund, for responding to Loss and Damage, the progress in the operationalization of the Santiago network,

3bis We commend the advances of the the four multilateral climate funds (MCFs) – Adaptation Fund, Climate Investment Funds, Global Environment Facility, and Green Climate Fund, to enhance their coherence and complimentary, and encourage continued support and contributions to environmental funds, specially to address the urgent needs of developing countries

3ter We highlight the submission of the third round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and commend the efforts to enhance ambition and implementation, in line with the Paris Agreement and in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, taking into account national circumstances

3. {Placeholder} Global Youth Environment Assembly, December 2025.

4. {Placeholder} Seventh Edition of Global Environmental Outlook 2025 and its findings.

5. We welcome 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, desertification, drought and land degradation, pollution, sand and dust storms, among others requires urgent and collective responses from the international community, and therefore **decide to take the following actions:**

Action 1: We will accelerate ~~take bold~~ actions towards ~~that drive~~ sustainable, resilient, inclusive and integrated, solutions to address the global environmental challenges ~~and crises of our time~~.

A. We, ~~recognize~~ing the importance of sustainable development as a priority, and call on Member States to advance sustainable,resilient, inclusive and integrated solutions and promote cooperation and exchange among governments, international organizations, the scientific community and civil society.

B. Strengthen international and regional cooperation to prevent and reduce transboundary pollution issues and prioritize the development of advanced monitoring systems to effectively track and manage these issues across borders, ensuring utilizing evidence-based and science-driven approaches~~approach~~ to pollution control and environmental resilience.

C. Encourage Member States to advance circular economy approaches and policy responses towards sustainable consumption and production patterns that promote resource efficiency, waste minimization and ~~the~~ rethinking of product design and life cycles approaches, advance incentives and innovation and drive a systemic shift towards sustainability, whilst reducing environmental impact for a resilient planet.

D. Support ~~Champion~~ a just transition towards a clean, healthy and sustainable environment by advocating for the widespread accessibility and adoption of renewable energy, energy efficient technologies and reduced resource intensity, in an effort to create just and equitable societies, leaving no one behind. Ensure that the shift to a low-carbon economy is inclusive and equitable, by reducing emissions across industrial, transportation, and residential sectors, this transition contributes to climate resilience while fostering sustainable economic growth.

E. Recognizing that increasing water scarcity poses 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 enhancing sustainable water and sanitation management, strengthening cooperation at all levels, and supporting innovative solutions and nature-based solutions, ecosystem-based approaches and other management and conservation approaches, that promote water efficiency and equitable access to safe and clean water. We encourage Member States and relevant stakeholders to share knowledge, build capacity, and mobilize resources to address water-related challenges in a holistic and integrated manner.

F. 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, and promoting the Quadripartite One Health Alliance to enhance its policy impact, in line with national circumstances and priorities.

G. Encourage all Member States to pursue ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and to implement National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), to advance resilient solutions, including n~~N~~ature-based solutions, whilst ensuring provide adequate ~~sustainable~~ resources for ~~management~~, the effective ~~swift~~ implementation of New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance, taking into account the needs and priorities of developing countries ~~and the inclusive engagement of all stakeholders and sectors within each country.~~¶

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I. Stress the need to enhance coordination, coherence and integration between early warning systems and disaster risk management systems to advance climate-resilient development and strengthen preparedness, response and recovery capacities in the face of human-made and natural hazards, which can result in ~~anthropogenic or climate-induced~~ disasters, including droughts, extreme weather events ~~heavy rains~~, wildfires, heat waves, famines, floods, sand and dust storms, leaving no one behind, and call for the strengthening disaster risk governance by integrating of disaster risk reduction into policies, programmes, and investments at all levels, and enhanced support for developing countries, in particular Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), Small Islands Developing States (SIDS), as well as middle-income countries ~~and countries~~ facing specific challenges, recognizing that these challenges are often exacerbated by climate change ~~fragility~~, armed conflicts, migration and displacement issues.

J. Encourage Member States to incorporate sustainable digital solutions and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in national development plans as innovative solutions that contribute to accelerating the achievement Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and cooperate to deepen knowledge and the scientific assessment of the environmental impacts of AI, exchange best practices for responsible deployment, while encouraging accessibility and affordability of data and AI tools as appropriate, including through strengthened support

to developing countries, capacity-building and technology transfer, leaving no one behind.

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

K. Advance the effective ~~swift~~ implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals to protect human health and the environment from 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. {Placeholder} on the outcome of the resumed third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.

M. {Placeholder} on the outcome of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment taking into consideration national circumstances and capabilities for developing countries.

N. ~~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. This milestone reflects our shared commitment to strengthening ocean governance, advancing equity, and safeguarding marine biodiversity for current and future generations.~~

M alt. We note the adoption of 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 and call upon States and regional economic integration organizations that have not done so to consider signing and ratifying, approving or accepting the Agreement. We emphasize the importance of the early entry into force and effective implementation of the Agreement.

O. Advance the swift implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and strive for the achievement of the Land Degradation Neutrality targets of the UNCCD through effective policy responses and financial resources, as complementary but distinct efforts to halt and reverse biodiversity loss; address ecosystem, drought and~~,~~ land degradation ~~and drought~~ through land and ecosystem restoration, ~~land~~ protection and conservation; ~~maintain ecosystem services and develop sustainable food and~~

~~agricultural production systems that can enhance food security~~ to promote the transformation of food systems and the development of sustainable agricultural practices that enhance food security, particularly in developing countries, through capacity-building, technology transfer and increased access to finance.

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.

P. Ensure adequate and predictable means of implementation for developing countries to enable them to advance sustainable solutions to tackle the global interconnected environmental challenges and crises through adequate financing, capacity-building, and technology transfer.

Q. ~~Welcome efforts to reform the international financial architecture and the financing for development system, 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.~~

R. Invite Member States to promote gender equality and enhance the engagement of women, girls, youth, civil society, Indigenous Peoples, 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 protecting and promoting the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

S. Call on Member States to deepen cooperation and collaboration with Indigenous Peoples to incorporate indigenous 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 ~~is left~~ behind.

Action 4: We will promote effective and coherent global environmental governance that adheres to the rules of international law.

T. In light of the accelerating and multifaceted environmental and climate challenges that pose significant risks to the planet, it is imperative to build decisively upon existing UNEA

resolution 6/4 on promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments with clearly articulated roles and responsibilities. Such a coordinated and integrated approach will unify global efforts, optimize synergies, and ensure the delivery of efficient, effective, and coherent environmental outcomes aligned with our shared international commitments and the urgent demands of our time.

U. Collaborate towards the full implementation of the UNEA resolution 6/12 to increase 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.

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