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## ZERO DRAFT – 28th March 2025

### Ministerial declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its seventh session

#### *Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet*

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 and commitments set out in the Pact for the Future, in particular the recognition that sustainable development in its three dimensions—economic, social and environmental—constitutes a fundamental goal in its own right and remains one of the highest aspirations of multilateralism.
3. We reiterate our unwavering commitment to the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals, and call for stepped-up collective efforts, including the mobilization of additional financing from all sources, with particular attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, as well as to creating opportunities for youth.
4. Recognizing the important outcomes achieved at the Sixteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the planning, monitoring, reporting and review mechanisms to measure implementation of the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the historic establishment of the Subsidiary Body on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and the new programme work under Article 8 (j); as well as the formal recognition of Afro-descendant peoples as custodians of biodiversity, which will strengthen cooperation among States, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities worldwide in the development of criteria, actions, and programs related to traditional knowledge, innovations, and practices; welcoming the adoption of the programme of work for Indigenous Peoples and local communities through 2030; acknowledging the global agreement to identify and conserve ecologically significant marine areas in areas beyond national jurisdiction, thus enhancing global ocean governance; and celebrating the creation of the Cali Fund to mobilize financial resources derived from the use of digital sequence information, ensuring their fair and equitable sharing; further noting Mexico's adherence to the Global Coalition for Peace with Nature, the Declaration of Indigenous, Peasant, and Afro-descendant Communities as Custodians of Biodiversity, and the Global Children and Youth Declaration to strengthen environmental education and awareness.
5. Recognizing and Emphasizing the significant outcomes achieved at the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

(CMA 6), including the advancement of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme, which provided a dynamic platform for deepening understanding and enhancing international cooperation on mitigation actions; welcoming the adoption of the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance, establishing an ambitious target to mobilize at least USD 300 billion annually for developing countries by 2035 and reaffirming the critical role of financial flows in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement; and acknowledging the progress made under the United Arab Emirates–Belém Work Programme towards operationalizing the Global Goal on Adaptation, notably through the development of a robust set of indicators to track adaptation efforts and the launch of the Baku Adaptation Roadmap and the Baku High-Level Dialogue on Adaptation; while noting the importance of continued work to address remaining gaps in climate finance access, adaptation measurement, and mitigation ambition, in line with principles of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities, and respective capabilities.

6. **Acknowledging** the urgent call made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations for all States to submit ambitious and robust national climate plans, and emphasizing the critical need to accelerate climate action in this decisive decade, we urge all Parties to prepare and communicate their new or updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) well ahead of COP30 in Brazil. These NDCs should align with the goal of limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5°C, cover all greenhouse gases and all sectors of the economy, and chart a just and accelerated transition towards renewable energy-based economies, in full accordance with the Paris Agreement, the principles of equity, and the respective capabilities of each Party.
7. **Recognizing** the urgent need to address the global crisis of plastic pollution in all environments, including through the development of a comprehensive and legally binding international instrument, as mandated by resolution 5/14 of the United Nations Environment Assembly; recalling the progress achieved during the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5) and welcoming the convening of the second part of INC-5 (INC-5.2) in Geneva in August 2025; emphasizing that the future instrument should address the full life cycle of plastics, promote sustainable production and consumption patterns, and ensure a just transition, including for workers and communities; and urging all Parties to redouble efforts to finalize and adopt the legally binding instrument at INC-5.2, demonstrating collective resolve to end plastic pollution for the benefit of present and future generations.
- 4.8. **Stressing** the critical importance of the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), co-hosted by France and Costa Rica, in advancing global action to protect and sustainably use the ocean, and welcoming the forthcoming deliverables, including the Nice Action Plan comprising a Political Declaration and voluntary commitments by Member States and stakeholders; acknowledging the positive progress reflected in the Political Declaration, co-facilitated by Australia and Cabo Verde, notably through its concise structure and comprehensive coverage of key issues such as ship-sourced pollution including underwater noise, ocean-climate-biodiversity linkages, the role of the private sector, and ecological connectivity; noting, however, concerns regarding the still limited ambition in critical areas such as the Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ). Also reiterating the need to increase scientific knowledge on deep sea ecosystems and emphasize the importance of the implementation of precautionary principles/approach to ensure the effective protection of the marine environment in the framework of the exploitation of mineral resources in the Area, and the regulation of deep sea mining; and underscoring the need to strengthen science-based decision-making, mobilize blue finance, recognize the role of Indigenous Peoples in ocean governance, and reverse ocean degradation to secure a healthy, resilient ocean for future generations.

~~2.9.~~ We welcome the Global Youth Environment Assembly held in Nairobi in December 2025 and its role in fostering active participation by young people in multilateral environmental governance.

~~3.10.~~ We welcome the Global Environmental Outlook 2025 and its findings.

~~4.11.~~ We decide, recognizing the importance of sustainable development as a priority, to take the following actions:

- (a) Strengthen international cooperation to mitigate transboundary pollution issues, prioritize the development of advanced monitoring systems to effectively track and manage these issues across borders, ensuring a science-driven approach taking into account the traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities on ~~to~~ pollution control and environmental resilience, emphasizing on the effects of conflicts and call for their environmental evaluation and rehabilitation.
- (b) Stress the implementation of unprecedented emission reductions: Member States must commit to cutting 42% per cent off ~~annual~~ greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, phase out fossil fuels, and drastically scale up renewable energy. Stronger international cooperation and support, including through enhanced climate finance, will be essential to deliver on the Paris Agreement.
- (c) Recognizing the interconnectedness of biodiversity loss, desertification, and the impacts of climate change, we emphasize the need for integrated and coordinated approaches to address these challenges. Biodiversity loss accelerates land degradation and desertification, while climate change exacerbates these processes through rising temperatures, shifting precipitation patterns, and extreme weather events.
- (d) Encourage Member States to engage and mobilize the international community to enhance financial support to facilitate the implementation of agreed outcomes of the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) held from 11 to 24 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan as well as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework of the CBD and UNCCD Strategic Framework 2018 – 2030.
- (e) Foster synergies, cooperation and collaboration to advance the effective and inclusive implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and other internationally agreed global commitments, inviting the governing bodies of MEAs, whilst respecting their independence and respective mandates, to collaborate with the United Nations Environment Assembly to promote integrated approaches and policy coherence, while upholding human rights and the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.
- (f) Call on regional forums of ministers of the environment and environmental authorities to engage in multilateral cooperation for a more effective international environmental governance that advances synergies and integrated solutions across climate change, biodiversity and land degradation, pollution and waste action, and to also strengthen mechanisms for access to environmental justice, including climate justice, particularly for vulnerable populations and groups differentiated by age, gender, or special circumstances, such as women, children, youth, older persons, indigenous peoples, and even for future generations.
- (g) Advance circular economy principles by encouraging industries to adopt sustainable production and consumption models that emphasize resource efficiency, waste minimization, and the rethinking of product life cycles, through policy incentives and innovation, drive a systemic shift towards sustainability, reducing environmental impact and strengthening long-term planetary resilience.
- (h) Encouraging sustainable solutions and environmental policies that is based on scientific research and innovations in monitoring, early warning and assessment systems in

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various fields to support the capacity of vital sectors. stressing the need to enhance coordination, coherence, and integration between early warning systems and disaster risk management systems.

(h) "We reaffirm that environmental action must be grounded in the full respect for human rights, including the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. We recognize environmental degradation disproportionately affects the most vulnerable and call for the advancement of environmental justice to ensure equitable distribution of environmental benefits and burdens."

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**Commented [HLHL1]:** Mexico has been a promoter of the recognition of the human right to a healthy environment, recently adopted by the UN. Integrating environmental justice aligns the declaration with human rights frameworks and reinforces its effective and equitable enforcement.

- (i) Call for the strengthening disaster risk governance to manage natural and manmade hazards by integrating disaster risk reduction into policies, programmes, and investments at all levels, and calling for enhanced support for Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), Small Islands Developing States (SIDS), and countries facing specific challenges.
- (j) Stress the need to enhance coordination, coherence and integration between early warning systems and disaster risk management systems to advance climate-resilient development and enhance response and recovery against manmade and natural disasters induced or exacerbated by climate change, such as droughts, heavy rains, wildfires, heat waves, famines and flooding, leaving no one behind.
- (k) Champion a just transition towards a clean energy future by advocating for the widespread accessibility and adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, and the advancement of environmental rule of law. 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.
- (l) Call for enhance the efforts for an effective implementation of sustainable development goals which requires strong support for technology and knowledge transfer, as well as capacity building. This includes fostering partnerships that enable access to new technologies, expertise, and resources, while strengthening local skills and institutions. By enhancing the capabilities of local communities and industries, developing countries can better drive their own growth and development. Such efforts should prioritize the empowerment of women and vulnerable communities through equitable access to knowledge and technology.
- (m) Emphasizing the importance of cooperation and exchange of expertise between governments and international organizations and collective action to combat different environmental ~~concerns~~ issues such as climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, building capacity at national scale.
- (n) Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet and to encourage develop & incorporate digital solutions and AI in national plans as innovative solutions that contribute to accelerate achieving SDG plan towards sustainability and encouraging the full access to data.
- (o) Stress the need for a comprehensive assessment of the potential negative environmental impacts of artificial intelligence, including energy consumption, ~~and~~ carbon emissions mineral extraction, and the intensive use of water associated with digital infrastructure. This should be accompanied by strengthened regulatory frameworks and standards to ensure its development and use align with environmental sustainability principles and ecosystem protection, while promoting international cooperation and the exchange of best practices for responsible and ethical AI deployment.

(p) [Placeholder on the outcome of the second part of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.]

(q) [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.]

(q)(r) "We welcome the adoption of the Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) as a milestone in ocean governance. We encourage call upon States to sign and ratify, approve or accept the Agreement to promote its early entry into force and full and effective implementation, its rapid ratification and implementation, and commit to cooperate in the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction."

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(s) Call for ecosystem protection by strengthening nature-based solutions, ensuring sustainable water management, minimizing deforestation and forest degradation, and safeguarding, conserving, and restoring degraded land, soil, and ecosystems. These ecosystems support food, water, and energy security, serve as habitats for biodiversity, and contribute to carbon storage and sequestration. Their preservation delivers numerous economic, social, and environmental co-benefits, reinforcing efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Efforts to conserve and restore ecosystems should respect the rights and traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples.

**Commented [HLHL2]:** Mexico has been a committed actor in the BBNJ negotiations and promotes its early implementation as a pillar of global environmental justice, particularly in relation to the global commons such as the oceans.

(t) Invite member states to enhance the role of women, youth and civil society, indigenous people in the protection of the environment and to ensure their inclusive participation in decision-making processes, protecting and respecting the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

(s) "Particular emphasis must be placed on empowering women and girls, and ensuring environmental actions are gender-responsive. We commit to the meaningful inclusion of groups in situations of vulnerability, including persons with disabilities, children, the elderly and displaced populations, leaving no one behind."

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**Commented [HLHL3]:** The National Development Plan 2025-2030 and the Government of Mexico's "Republic of and for Women" prioritize gender mainstreaming in all public policies, including environmental policies.

(u) Commit to cooperate to transition to sustainable food systems in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizing with great urgency that a multisectoral and integrated approach to food systems is critical to achieving global food security, ending hunger and all forms of malnutrition, while accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant multilateral environmental agreements.

(v) Urge Member States, international financial institutions, private foundations, funds and other actors to cooperate to align the global financial architecture with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and strengthen national policy and regulatory frameworks to enhance the transparency, availability and predictability of financial support to implement the goals and targets of the Paris Agreement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Global Framework on Chemicals.

(w) Recognize the role of environmental restoration and natural resource governance in transitional justice contexts, as part of broader efforts to rebuild peaceful, just and resilient societies after conflict.

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