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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} Outcomes of COP30, November 2025.
4. {Placeholder} Global Youth Environment Assembly, December 2025.
5. {Placeholder} Seventh Edition of Global Environmental Outlook 2025 and its findings.
6. We welcome the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem (IPBES) Assessment Report on the Interlinkages Among Biodiversity, Water, Food and Health
7. 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, in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, as well as national priorities, capabilities, and circumstances, 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 in its three dimensions – environmental, social and economic - as a priority, call on Member States to advance sustainable 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 approach to pollution control and environmental resilience.
- C. Encourage Member States to advance circular economy approaches and policy responses towards sustainable consumption and production that promote resource efficiency, waste minimization and the rethinking of product design and life cycles, advance incentives and innovation and drive a systemic shift towards sustainability, whilst reducing environmental impact for a resilient planet.
- D. **Champion** a just transition towards a clean, healthy and sustainable environment by advocating for the widespread accessibility and adoption of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies, so as to reduce GHG emissions, in line with SDG7, in an effort to create just and equitable societies, leaving no one behind.
- 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 management, strengthening cooperation at all levels, and supporting innovative solutions and nature-based solutions 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, in line with national circumstances and priorities.
- G. Encourage all Member States to pursue ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to implement National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) to advance resilient solutions, including Nature-based solutions, whilst ensuring sustainable resource management, the swift implementation of New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance, and the inclusive engagement of all stakeholders and sectors within each country.
- H. 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 anthropogenic or climate-induced disasters, including droughts, 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, recognizing that

these challenges are often exacerbated by climate fragility, armed conflicts, migration and displacement issues.

- I. 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, leaving no one behind.

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

- J. Advance the 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.
- K. {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.
- L. {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.
- M. 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.
- N. Advance the swift implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity through effective policy responses and financial resources to halt and reverse biodiversity loss and to maintain ecosystem services, recognizing the urgent need to leverage new, additional, adequate and predictable financial resources to support developing countries.



Nbis. Advance the full implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) through effective policies to address desertification, land degradation, and drought, and recognizing the need to increase financial resources to adequately implement the Convention and to support developing countries to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN), in line with target 15.3 of the Sustainable Development Goal 15.

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.

- O. Ensure adequate and predictable means of implementation for developing countries, including through support from developed countries, in line with their obligations under multilateral environmental agreements, to enable them to advance sustainable solutions to tackle the global interconnected environmental challenges and crises through adequate financing, capacity-building, and technology transfer.



- P. 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.

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

- R. Call on Member States to  deepen cooperation and collaboration with Indigenous Peoples and local communities to incorporate their traditional 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 responses consistent with international law.

 S. 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. We will strengthen international cooperation to deliver efficient, effective, and coherent environmental outcomes aligned with our shared international commitments and the urgent demands of our time.

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Proposed additional paragraphs:

 -Encourage the uptake of the bioeconomy as a way to contribute to the sustainable use of biodiversity, to eradicate hunger and poverty and improve health and well-being, whilst ensuring global food security and nutrition.

- Stress the implementation of unprecedented emission reductions: limiting global warming to 1.5 °C with no or limited overshoot requires deep, rapid and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions of 43 per cent by 2030 and 60 per cent by 2035 relative to the 2019 level and reaching net zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2050, transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems, in a just, orderly and equitable manner, 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.

 -Reaffirm the central role of climate change adaptation as an essential pillar of global environmental action, considering that the costs of inaction are increasingly high and that adaptation to climate change contributes to achieving sustainable development; encourage Member States to develop and implement adaptation strategies grounded in region-specific scientific evidence and attentive to social and territorial inequalities; and emphasize the importance of integrating the best available science, traditional knowledge, and climate planning tools at subnational and local levels, promoting effective and inclusive adaptation.

-Reinforce the commitment to strengthening institutional and technical capacities in developing countries to enable the effective implementation of climate adaptation policies; and call on Member States and international financial institutions to increase the availability and accessibility of predictable funding specifically for adaptation, including support for technical training, the development of climate information systems, and the preparation of national and subnational adaptation plans.