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

Advancing in the achievement of internationally agreed commitments and the promotion of innovative solutions for a sustainable and 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 in the achievement of internationally agreed commitments and the promotion of innovative solutions for a sustainable and resilient planet.

2. We recall the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, 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. 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

3quart We further 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, the Global Environmental Outlook 2025 and its findings.

5. We decide, to take the following actions:

(a) Stress 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 to pollution control and environmental resilience, emphasizing on the effects of conflicts and call for their environmental evaluation and rehabilitation.

(b) Urge the implementation of unprecedented emission reductions: Member States must commit to cutting 42% percent off annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, phase out fossil fuels, and drastically scale up renewable energy, in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. Stronger international cooperation and support, including through enhanced climate finance, will be essential to deliver on the Paris Agreement.

(c) Recognize 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) Call 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 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.

(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 loss, land degradation, pollution and promote life cycle approaches.

(g) Advance circular economy approaches 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) Advance sustainable solutions and environmental policies that are based on scientific research and innovations in monitoring, early warning and assessment systems in 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.

(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 developing countries, in particular Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), Small Islands Developing States (SIDS), as well as middle-income 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 human-made and natural hazards, which can result in disasters exacerbated by climate change, such as extreme weather events, droughts, land degradation, storms, wildfires, heat waves, food security, and flooding, to leave no one behind.

(k) Support 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, particularly in developing countries This includes fostering partnerships that enable access to new technologies, expertise, and resources, while strengthening skills and institutions, recognizing the role of the private sector, ranging from micro-enterprises to cooperatives to multinationals, and that of civil society organizations and philanthropic organizations. .

(m) Emphasise the importance of cooperation and exchange of expertise between governments and international organizations and collective action to combat different environmental issues such as climate change, desertification, pollution and biodiversity loss, building capacity at national level.

(n) Advance 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 and data sharing.

(o) Stress the need for a comprehensive assessment of the potential negative environmental impacts of artificial intelligence, including energy consumption and carbon emissions 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.]

(r) Call for ecosystem protection by strengthening nature-based solutions and ecosystems based approaches, 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

(s) 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.

(t) 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.

(u) 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 environmental national policy and regulatory frameworks, in accordance with national priorities,

(v) We further call Member States 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.