Statement of Ambassador Boumediene Mahi, Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations Office in Nairobi, Head of the Algerian delegation participating in the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Your Excellencies,
Your Highnesses,
Madam Minister, President of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly,
Madam Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme,
Ladies and Gentlemen present,

I would like, at the outset, to renew congratulations to all those who contributed to the preparation and organization of the current session of the United Nations Environment Assembly. I would also like to extend sincere thanks to the Kenyan government for the generosity of hospitality and the good reception.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My country gives the utmost importance to environmental issues that hinder the development paths adopted by states. Being aware of these challenges, Algeria has not hesitated to take all measures and provide all means to protect the citizen from the repercussions of environmental degradation.

In this regard, His Excellency the President of the Republic, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, has enshrined the right of the citizen to live in a healthy environment in the Algerian Constitution.

Within this constitutional principle, Algeria has adopted a set of sectoral policies based on the principles and objectives of sustainable development, environmental protection, and the preservation of natural resources, through rational and sustainable use, among which we mention:

- Adoption of a national climate plan that includes many activities in the fields of mitigation and adaptation,

- Building and strengthening legal and institutional frameworks to effectively deal with environmental challenges,
- Formulating the energy model for the post-2030 period, which relies on the development of renewable energies to reach a production capacity of 15 gigawatts by 2035,
- Rehabilitation and expansion of the Green Dam, to confront desertification, by increasing the area of this vegetation cover to 4.7 million hectares,
- Establishment of an African mechanism for response to natural disasters, as a tool to face the challenges resulting from them,
- Updating the second national strategy and action plan for biodiversity in line with the global biodiversity framework,
- And adoption of a national program for waste management.

In addition to these national measures, the highest Algerian authorities are keen on full engagement in all negotiation processes related to current environmental issues.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At a time when the highest body of the United Nations for the environment is meeting with high-level participation to study environmental threats to our planet, we stand in suspicious silence as witnesses to the most heinous crimes in the history of humanity committed by the Israeli occupation in the Gaza Strip against unarmed Palestinian civilians, and the catastrophic repercussions this has on ecosystems and on all that is living, disregarding international laws, including those issued by this very body.

Algeria will continue its condemnation, through all United Nations platforms, of these crimes against humanity and will call for their cessation.

Thank you.