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## **2/6. Supporting the Paris Agreement**

*The United Nations Environment Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time, which undermines the ability of all countries, especially those developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, to achieve sustainable development and poverty eradication,

*Welcoming* the adoption of the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

*Welcoming also* the signature of the Paris Agreement by more than 170 countries at a ceremony held on 22 April 2016 in New York as well as the ratification of the agreement by 17 Parties to date,

*Urging* all Member States to ratify, accept or approve the Paris Agreement,

*Acknowledging* that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the main international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change and that the global nature of climate change calls for international cooperation without duplication of work,

*Welcoming* the adoption of General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, welcoming also the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda adopted at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, and taking note of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,

*Commending* the contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to addressing the global challenge of climate change through its climate change subprogramme,

*Recalling* its resolution 1/8, on ecosystem-based adaptation,

*Noting* the importance of the global mobilization of relevant stakeholders to combat climate change and acknowledging with appreciation the results of the Lima-Paris Action Agenda,

1. *Requests* the Executive Director, within the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme and in collaboration with other relevant organizations and stakeholders, to contribute to the implementation of pre-2020 global efforts to address the challenge of climate change by:

(a) Strengthening efforts in the areas of education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and cooperation;

- (b) Reinforcing and stepping up the United Nations Environment Programme participation in partnership programmes and initiatives;
  - (c) Strengthening collaboration between the United Nations Environment Programme, relevant United Nations bodies and other relevant stakeholders on work related to adaptation, mitigation and the transition to a sustainable future in a manner that reinforces synergies, avoids duplication and maximizes efficiency and effectiveness;
  - (d) Accelerating support to countries, especially developing countries, for building national readiness capacity to implement the Paris Agreement, implementation capacity and capacity to access finance and technology;
  - (e) Strengthening United Nations Environment Programme support to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;
  - (f) Strengthening United Nations Environment Programme support for and contributions to global climate-change-related assessments;
2. *Also requests* the Executive Director to report on the implementation of the present resolution at the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

*6th plenary meeting  
27 May 2016*