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Permanent Mission to UNEP & UN-Habitat  
*In the Name of God the Almighty*

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*The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to UNEP presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Governing Bodies and Stakeholders of the UN Environment Programme and referring to this Mission's note verbal Ref. No. 9252 dated 12.06.2017 has the honor to inform the esteemed Secretariat that, Iran's views which were submitted on 13.06.2017 through the above-mentioned note verbal are not reflected in the website of the UN Environment Assembly as well in the Preliminary draft of the Ministerial outcome document.*

*While attaching the note verbal and Iran's views on the high-level segment outcome document of the Third Session of UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 3) once again, it is important to mention that, the type of output document is not our preference but our substance preference is about Sand and Dust Storms that unfortunately is not recorded in the new draft.*

*Considering that, Sand and Dust Storms (SDS) are a global and transboundary environmental problem that affects hundreds of millions of people across the world and has been recognized as an emerging issue in the UNGA resolutions 70/195 and 71/219, we are of the firm view that, high level segment has to reflect the issue in an appropriate manner.*

*The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to UNEP avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Governing Bodies and Stakeholders of the UN Environment Programme the assurances of its highest consideration.*

**Nairobi, Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017.**

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