The Permanent Mission of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria in Nairobi presents its compliments to the United Nations Environment Programme (Secretariat) and further to the letter transmitted by the President of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5) and Minister of Climate and Environment of Norway, H.E. Mr. Sveinung Rotevatn, dated July 29th, 2020, inviting Member States to provide written proposals on how to further develop the draft outline document on the theme of the UN Environment Assembly, “Strengthening actions for Nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”, has the honor to forward, herewith, Algeria’s suggestions on the matter.

The Permanent Mission of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria in Nairobi avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Environment Programme (Secretariat), the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Algeria’s suggestions on how to further develop the draft outline document on the theme of the UN environment Assembly

“Strengthening actions for Nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”

Algeria appreciates and recognizes the valuable efforts of UNEA Presidency to reflect and reconcile Member States’ contributions for the production of a well balanced and relatively short document, alongside with the concern of bringing about concrete and action-oriented proposals.

With all due appreciation for the inclusion of some of Algeria’s proposals, as initial inputs to specified questions, to enrich the draft document on the Ministerial Declaration of UNEA-5.

Nevertheless, and given the urgency linked to the environmental crisis, coupled with the perceived readiness of Member States, backed by UNEA-5 Presidency willingness, to develop an ambitious and “daring” document, Algeria believes that there is a crucial need to reflect in the Ministerial Declaration few core principles to be highlighted in clear and engaging terms.

To best serve the theme of UNEA-5, as well as its promising projections, the Ministerial Declaration would benefit from the inclusion in it of the following elements:

- The well recognized principles of common but differentiated responsibilities regarding the environmental/climatic crisis;
- Strengthening knowledge sharing and dissemination of best practices for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular for the benefit of developing countries;
- Improvement of technical skills, and providing technical support, as well as know-how for developing countries;
- Provision of assistance to developing countries regarding means of implementation (financing, technology transfer and capacity building);
- Interrelatedness of “culture-nature” and the impact of climate change and biodiversity loss on the world’s natural “heritage”.

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