

Title: Draft political declaration for a United Nations high-level meeting, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme

PP1 We the (Insert titles according to the expected level of participation) and high-level representatives, having gathered, together with **the representatives of international organisations and other stakeholders**, (RUS)(EU reserve) [scientific, civil society and private sector leaders,](RUS del)(EU reserve) at the **Special Session of UNEA to commemorate UNEP@50 (EU)**... in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme,

PP2 {[Believing](CRI, CHE, EU, COL del)(ALG keep) **Recognizing (CRI, CHE, EU, COL)(ALG del) that everyone is entitled to live in a (JPN) [should have the right to a] (JPN del) has the right to a [CRI, CHE] healthy and sustainable environment,](RUS del) and reaffirming UNEP's role in assisting Member States to achieve environmental obligations [and on the importance of developed countries fully abiding by their commitments in each MEA regarding the mobilisation and provision of means of implementation towards developing countries (BRA, RUS, ARG, ALG, EGY)(CRI, COL move to other para)(MOR move to other pp)(CHE, GBR, NOR del)) (EU del,](US, GBR del)(MOR keep original)**

[Alt 1 Recognizing the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment (EU, COL, CHI,](RUS del)

Alt 2 Believing that everyone should enjoy a healthy and sustainable environment (ALG),

Alt 3 Recalling the recognition by the UN HRC of the HR.. Res 48/13 (NOR, GBR, CHI, CRI)

PP3 Recalling the Stockholm Declaration and Action Plan for Human Environment, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and the Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Rio+20 outcome document “The Future we want”, [General Assembly resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 entitled “Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development”,](CHE move to pp4) as well as the outcomes of all the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental fields, (GBR reflect language in 73/333)

PP4 Reaffirming [General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,](EU, RUS move to pp3) [and recalling General Assembly Resolution 72/277 of 10 May 2018, entitled “Towards a Global Pact for the Environment”, and General Assembly Resolution 73/333 of 30 August 2019, entitled “Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277”,](RUS del) (Chair: Merge pp3,pp4, del 72/277 reference)

PP5 Reaffirming [all the principles of](BRA, EGY, IRN del) the Rio Declaration, which has set foundational principles of international environmental law, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, and underpins our efforts towards the achievement of sustainable development, (BRA, EGY, IRN)(US, RUS, GBR, JPN, EU, CRI, COL, AUS, NOR, CHI, MEX, CAN keep original)

Alt Reaffirm all the principles of the Rio Declaration on environment and development, including, inter alia, the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (EGY, MWI, IRN, ARG, IDN)

PP6 Reaffirming the role of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, ***[keeps under review the world environment situation,]*** (CHE, EU)(BRA, RUS move to end of para)(US move to new pp) and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment ***[assisting Member States to implement their environmental commitments]*** (COL, CHI, CRI, BRA)(US move to other pp), consistent with paragraph 88 of the document “The Future we Want” (agreed ad ref),

PP7 Recognizing the urgent need and our ***[shared]***(BRA, ARG reserve) duty / responsibility to reinforce and advance the protection, preservation, restoration and sustainable use of the environment for present and future generations ***[in the spirit of inter-generational equity]*** (EU, MOR, CHI, CRI, COL, BRA)(RUS del)(US reserve) and intra-generational equity (BRA)(US reserve), as it is crucial to ***urgently*** (EU, MOR, CHI, CRI, COL) break the current trends of environmental decline, which are impeding progress towards sustainable development, ***[reaffirming that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, (COL, CRI) and recognizing the need to promote the environmental, social, and economic dimensions in an integrated and balanced manner, as well as the importance of fostering innovation and cooperation (EGY) based on the sustainable use of natural resources to strengthen sustainable employment and income, generating programmes and opportunities]*** (BRA, RUS, IRN, ALG, DRC, EGY)(GBR reserve)(CHE, US, NOR, EU del),

[Alt 1 Recognizing the urgent need to protect, restore, and sustainable use of the environment for present and future generations and to progress towards sustainable development] (ARG)(GBR reserve)

PP8 Recognizing ***[existing]***(RUS del) respective (RUS) obligations and commitments under ***[Multilateral Environmental Agreements]*** (ARG)(US del) international environmental law, in particular the provisions related to resource-mobilization and means of implementation under relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements (BRA, ARG, EGY, IRN)(US, NOR del) and the importance of their effective implementation, ***in accordance with national circumstances and priorities (EGY, BRA, IDN, IRN)(US del) in ensuring/ enabling (US) [an environmentally]***(BRA, ARG del) a (BRA)(CRI keep) sustainable future for our societies and our (BRA) planet and addressing urgent social, economic, ***human health (COL, NOR, CRI)*** and environmental challenges, especially against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, ***[and its disproportionate impact on [[the poorest and most vulnerable (GBR, EU, CRI) [developing countries]GBR del] (CHE del)(ARG, BRA, IDN, CRI, EGY, IRN keep original), by ensuring a global (GBR) [green](ARG, BRA, IDN del) inclusive and sustainable (ARG, BRA, IDN)(EU del) and resilient (IDN)(EU del) recovery and by building back better (CHE, GBR, NOR, EU),***

Alt Underlining the importance of effective implementation of existing obligations and commitments under international environmental law in ensuring an environmentally sustainable future for our planet and addressing urgent social, economic, and

environmental challenges especially against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic and its disproportionate impact on the poorest and most vulnerable countries especially in developing countries (CRI) by ensuring a green recovery and building back better (EU, NOR, move to OP)(CRI keep as pp)

[PP9] *Recognizing the essential role of the **environmental (EGY)** rule of law and effective governance [and the critical importance of adequate, sufficient, and predictable means of implementation] (BRA)(EU del) [to ensure] (US, NOR del) in promoting (US, NOR) compliance with environmental law, and to [avoid undermining the achievement of] (BRA del) help achieve (BRA) the Sustainable Development Goals.] (RUS del)(EU keep)*

[Alt Recognizing the crucial importance of effective national legal frameworks and governance structures for ensuring compliance with international environmental law, and the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals] (GBR, EU, CHI, NOR)(RUS reserve)

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OP1. *[Commit to enhancing] (US, MWI del) Strongly (MWI) Support the enhancement of (US) (EU, BRA keep original)(GBR reserve) Commit to strengthen **the implementation of (ALG) environmental law (NOR) international environmental governance within the context of the institutional framework for Sustainable Development (GBR) by strengthening intergovernmental oversight and accountability of the UNEP Secretariat (RUS, IRN) (EU, NOR del)(GBR del) to /and (EU) promote enhanced coordination within the UN system for (EU, NOR)(BRA move to other OP) a balanced integration of the environmental, economic and social dimensions of sustainable development, [[as well as enhancing coordination within the United Nations system on the environment], and commit to mainstreaming [the environmental dimension of sustainable development]]] (BRA del) sustainability (BRA) (EU del)(CRI, EU keep) and to mainstream in a balanced manner (ARG, BRA, ALG) the environmental dimension of sustainable development (EU, CRI, MWI, NOR, BRA) into [sectoral policies and programmes at all levels](THA , CRI, MWI, IDN del) national policies, strategies, and planning (THA, CRI, MWI, IDN), in accordance with national circumstances and priorities, (EGY, BRA, IDN, IRN, MWI, ALG)(US, NOR reserve)(EU del) [[and to building capacity of relevant authorities,]] (EU del) including through supporting capacity-building of relevant authorities (EU, NOR) in order to [ensure a coherent and integrated approach in the implementation of] (EU, NOR del) achieve (EU) the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.] (RUS reserve)(US move to new OP)***

OP2. *[[Endorse/Reaffirm (EU, MOR, NOR) the role of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) [[as the leading decision-making body/authority (EU, CRI, NOR)] (BRA reserve) on the environment]] (MOR del) with universal membership, for enhancing the progress of the comprehensive implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda within the United Nations system (GBR, NOR) [and setting the overarching guidance for strengthening international environmental governance and for implementation of the global environmental agenda,] (NZL reserve) in accordance with paragraph 88 of the document “The Future We Want” and in a manner consistent with the mandates of existing Multilateral Environmental Agreements (BRA, MOR)(CRI, NOR del)](EGY reserve, request clarification/para 88 language/UNEA decision on role of UNEA, pp6)(US del)(EU keep)*

OP3. Renew our support for strengthening the collaboration and cooperation between multilateral environmental agreements and governing bodies of (MWI) UNEA, while respecting their respective mandates. [To that end we invite the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to collaborate with subsidiary bodies of the multilateral environmental agreements with a view to the CPR making universal overarching environmental policy recommendations to UNEA,](CAN, EU, GBR,AUS requests clarification from overarching)(BRA,EGY,RUS, GBR,NOR Del) To that end, we invite the Committee of Permanent Representatives to take stock of final political decisions and outcomes of relevant multilateral environmental agreements and prepare inputs for the consideration of the Executive Director of UNEP on modalities by which UNEP should assist member states in particular developing countries, in the implementation of their environmental dimension of sustainable development and their respective environmental objectives with special focus on the provision of adequate and sufficient means of implementation and enhanced international cooperation (BRA,EGY)(US,CRI, EU, GBR,CHE reserve) Welcoming the initiative of the government of Egypt to promote a coherent approach for addressing biodiversity loss, climate change and land and ecosystem degradation, and encourage member states, as well as the governing bodies and Secretariats of the UN convention on climate change, UN convention to combat desertification, the UNDP, the GEF, the Green Climate Fund, other relevant entities of the United Nations, Civil society and indigenous people and local communities to support and promote this initiative as appropriate and taking into account national and organizational circumstances, (EGY)(US, CRI, EU, GBR,CHE,COL, CHI reserve)

[Alt Renew our support for strengthening the collaboration and cooperation between multilateral environmental agreements and UNEA while respecting their independence and respective mandates with a view to achieving progressive improvements in the state of the global environment (NOR,CHE,COL,MEX). as well as in the provision of the requisite means of implementation. (EGY,ARG) (EU del) To that end, we invite the governing bodies of MEAs to collaborate with UNEA and the CPR, as appropriate, to promote policy coherence,] (US,CRI, EU, GBR,NOR, CHE,COL, AUS, CHI,MEX)(MWI Del) and its effective implementation. (GBR)

OP4. [[Support the] (EU del) (BRA, NOR, COL keep original) Recognising the continued (EU) [strengthening of Nairobi as the Headquarters of UNEP] (CHE del) (MWI reserve) (BRA, NOR, IDN, CRI keep original text) Support the strengthening of UNEP at its Headquarters in Nairobi (MEX, CRI keep original, alt) Underline the importance of universal membership to UNEPs Governing Bodies (CHE, NOR) and invites (US) [call upon] (US del) all Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies who have not yet done so, to become accredited to the Committee of the Permanent Representatives of UNEP. Strongly encourages the Governing Bodies of all the Multilateral Environmental Agreements, in particular those hosted by UNEP, to convene their meetings more frequently in Nairobi (BRA, ALG, COL, MEX, DRC, CRI, ARG). [Further recommend that the Secretariats of future Multilateral and Regional Environment Agreements where the secretariat functions are performed by UNEP (IDN) be based in Nairobi] (THA ask for clarification) (IDN keep original) where the secretariat functions are performed by the Executive Director of UNEP] (RUS, GBR, US, MWI, CAN del) (EU, THA, NOR reserve) (BRA, COL keep original text)] (ALG, ARG keep original language, with addition of BRA proposal) (IDN keep original),

OP5. Request the Executive Director of UNEP to continue the ongoing efforts to achieve **gender parity (EU, US, IDN, GBR, EGY, NZL, CAN) and (CRI, IDN) equitable geographical distribution in the UNEP Secretariat, including for senior level positions, and requests the Executive Director of UNEP to take effective action in this regard (MOR) (GBR keep original),**

Alt. Stresses the importance of achieving [gender parity and (CRI, IDN, EGY, MWI)] (RUS del) equitable geographic distribution in the UNEP Secretariat, including for senior level positions, (EGY, MOR, MWI) and requests the Executive Director of UNEP [to increase efforts] (RUS del) to take urgent effective action in this regard and report regular progress achieved on a regular basis to the Committee of Permanent Representatives (RUS, US). (BRA, RUS, EGY, US, CRI, IDN, ARG, IRN, MWI)

Bis. Appreciates the efforts of the Executive Director of UNEP in the achievement of gender parity in the UNEP Secretariat (RUS, ARG, EGY, IRN) and encourages the Executive Director to continue ongoing efforts in this regard. (BRA)

OP6. [[Commit] (Saudi, EGY del) Encourage (Saudi, EGY) [to supporting] (EGY del) Member States to support (EGY) UNEP through more [stable] (Saudi del) (ALG del), adequate (MOR) [and] (CHE del) [predictable] (Saudi del) and [increased (CHE, NOR, MWI)] (US del) (JPN keep original) prudently managed (MWI, NOR) core contributions to the Environment Fund, based on voluntary indicative scale of contributions determined for all member states, and stress the need to diversify UNEPs donor base in particular [from the [110 countries] that have yet to] that do not regularly (MWI) contribute to Environment Fund (US, GBR)] (BRA, EGY del) (NOR reserve) [and stress the need to improve the ratio between core and earmarked funding (BRA, NZL, EGY)] (US del) and [we support the considerations to increase financial resources from the regular budget of the United Nations] (US, EU, GBR del), to fulfill [and strengthen (BRA)] (GBR del) its mandate] (RUS, EU del) including to address the current underfunding of the Science-Policy interface (BRA). (MWI keep original) [We call upon UNEP to strengthen its efforts to engage with other United Nations entities through the Environment Management Group]

Bis. Encourage UNEP, as chair of the EMG in collaboration with the other members of the Group, to continue to strengthen system-wide inter-agency coordination on the environment and to call for the active involvement and support all of the Group in the implementation of system-wide strategies on the environment (CHE, RUS, ALG, EU, NOR, MOR, EGY),

Alt. Commit to supporting UNEP through more stable, adequate, and increased financial resources form the regular budget of the United Nations, as well as through more stable, predicable and increased core contributions to the environment fund, including based on voluntary indicative scale of contributions determined for all member states (ALG, NOR)

OP7. [Support UNEP's key role in promoting and strengthening the science-policy interface, in order to support [policy decisions to [underpin] (US reserve) international] (RUS del) **intergovernmental (RUS, BRA, ALG) environmental [debate (RUS)] (BRA, GBR del) review processes (BRA) [law and governance] (RUS del) (EU, GBR keep original), and commit to investing further in environmental research [and strategic foresight] (US del) (EU keep original), and to make [greater use of assessments] (BRA del) more effective use of knowledge produced by the scientific community, including assessments (BRA, RUS, ALG, IRN) generated by [geographically (RUS keep) and (RUS) gender (CRI, BRA, ARG, ALG, CHI, IRN, COL, MEX) balanced panels] (US, EU del) (GBR reserve) (MWI, RUS, EGY, IDN, CRI, BRA, RUS, ARG, ALG, MOR, IRN, PSE) from the scientific community from all Member States (CHI, MOR, COL, CRI, MEX) and Members of Specialized Agencies (PSE, MEX, CRI, CHI, COL, ALG, EGY, MOR) and (EGY), [including those from developing countries, (IDN, ARG, ALG, IRN, RUS, EGY, BRA)] (EU, US, CHI del)] (NOR keep original)**

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OP8. Recognize the right to access to information, access to public participation and access to justice in environmental matters, and we invite Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies to disseminate and share evidence-based environmental information and raise public awareness on critical, persistent and emerging environmental issues, and we continue to support UNEP in developing the global environmental data strategy,

OP9. Commit to developing and implementing effective international and national environmental legal frameworks, and we invite Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies to increase their support to the Fifth Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme V), for supporting the development of model laws and member states' capacity in developing and implementing environmental rule of law,

OP10. Invite Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies, that have not yet done so, to ratify relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements and to effectively implement them. We call upon Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies to recognize and incorporate principles of international environmental law into their national legal systems and highlight the support that can be provided through the Montevideo Programme V, and we commit to cooperate to build and support the capacity of courts and tribunals at all levels to give full effect to principles of international environmental law for fostering environmental rule of law,

OP11. Call upon Member States and Members of the Specialized Agencies to enhance the provision and mobilization of all types and sources of means of implementation and their efficient use, especially for countries most affected by environmental degradation, consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, as well as existing commitments under the various multilateral environmental agreements,

OP12. Commit to exploiting the potential for domestic resources through policy reviews such as sustainable fiscal reforms, and enhance environmental domestic financial resources to advance the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development and reflect the global environmental ambition, and explore further innovative financing sources,

including through enhanced collaboration with the private sector,

OP13. Invite UNEP to develop a United Nations periodic environmental performance review mechanism, to assess the progress of Member States in implementing its environmental objectives, with a view to support through recommendations the implementation of international environmental law and the environmental dimension of Agenda 2030 at the national level, while ensuring complementarity with the work of treaty bodies. We request the Executive Director of UNEP to present modalities of such mechanism for the consideration at UNEA-6,

OP14. Call upon Members States and Members of the Specialized Agencies to make optimal use of existing financial mechanisms and funds for purposes of implementing international environmental law and improving the status of the global environment, especially in ensuring sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. We invite the United Nations to enhance existing financial instruments in order to support Member States capacity building needs, including guidance from the UN periodic environmental performance review mechanism, to enable the implementation of existing and future environmental commitments,

OP15. We encourage the active and meaningful engagement of all relevant stakeholders at all levels, and we support strengthening the presence of major groups and other stakeholders in UNEP headquarters in Nairobi by establishing additional liaison offices, which shall be subject to voluntary funding.