

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

Subject: **VIEWS/COMMENTS ON THE ZERO DRAFT MINISTERIAL DECLARATION OF UNITED NATION ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY (UNEA-5.2)**

Ministry of Climate Change, proposes the following amendment and additional operation section for inclusion in the UNEA-5.2 draft ministerial declaration.

- i. In the Operative Section of the Zero Draft, the commitments to curtail biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation look prominent and repetitive (OP 9, OP11, OP 17). Those points may either be merged within a single paragraph or aligned sequentially.
- ii. A commitment for encouraging technology transfers, innovations and researches may also be included to encourage eco-friendly social and economic lifestyle transformations.
- iii. An up-dated and readily available database is pertinent to measure the progress of initiatives, strategies and actions taken by the Ministries. Therefore, the declaration may also exhibit the commitments for efforts to fill-in the knowledge gaps and harmonization of systems for effective database management.
- iv. As per SDG-3, immunization is one of the most cost-effective ways save lives and promote good health and well-being. Hence, the support towards effective immunization strategies may also be committed in the declaration.
- v. Transparency, law-enforcement and good-governance are the pillars for fruitful outcomes of environmental action-plans, strategies and policies. The inclusion of said pillars may also be considered.

Amendment: OP08: We commit to supporting a green and *climate-resilient* recovery, with the goal of revitalizing our economies and livelihoods, contribute to poverty eradication, by mainstreaming environmental concerns into all policies and tools promoting economic recovery; making use of green economy pathways that emphasize ecosystem and knowledge-based management, and by reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions while adapting to climate change in line with the Paris Agreement.

Additional Operational Sections:

OP20. We aim to shift towards greener technologies by making a move towards Electric Vehicles (EV's). The goal is to introduce about 30% of EV's in our transport industry by 2030 in order to mitigate climate change through emission reduction mechanism.

OP21. We commit to introduce Nature based solutions in order to tackle challenge of Climate change by focusing on sustainable protection of natural environment along with economic development. These NBS will open avenues for employment as well.

OP22. We commit to ensure sustainable management of water resources in the country. For this purpose, a “Recharge Pakistan” program has been launched to enhance resilience through ecosystem-based adaptations for integrated flood management.

OP23. We are encouraged by the options available for Carbon Sequestration in the natural environment of the planet. We intend to accelerate the carbon storage potential of forests through effective forest conservation and increased forestation drives thereby reducing the GHG emissions.
