

## **Proposals from Republic of Uzbekistan to the draft Ministerial declaration of UNEA**

We propose to state some clauses as follows:

12. We commit to supporting an inclusive and sustainable recovery, promoting a green and just transition, with the goal of revitalizing our economies and livelihoods, contributing to poverty eradication, by mainstreaming biodiversity, climate, pollution **and sustainable consumption** concerns into all policies and tools; making use of green economy pathways that emphasize ecosystem and knowledge-based management, and by reducing carbon and non-carbon greenhouse gas emissions while adapting to climate change in line with the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.

13. We commit to working across sectors and levels of government, and between governments, to halt the loss, degradation, and fragmentation of ecosystems, focusing on areas of particular importance for biodiversity **conservation**; sustainable land, sea and water **resources** use, effectively managing and designating protected areas and parks, safeguarding especially vulnerable habitats, types of nature and ecosystems, **and rational consumption** and addressing deforestation, wildlife trafficking, illegal mining, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, and other unsustainable activities, crimes and conflicts that have serious impacts on the environment.

16. We recognize the importance of the best available science for effective climate, **desertification and drought** action and policymaking and stress the urgency of enhancing ambition and action in relation to mitigation, adaptation and finance in this critical decade.

18. We are deeply concerned about the impact of land degradation, **desertification and droughts, and in recent years, with frequent occurrence of salt and sand storms**, especially in the most vulnerable countries, and recognize that practices that restore land and soil and achieving land degradation neutrality has the potential to bring about positive socioeconomic change, protect ecosystems, and act as an accelerator for achieving several Sustainable Development Goals.

22. We commit to pursuing and joining new and innovative partnerships across sectors, and engage all relevant stakeholders, working with youth, women, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, business, finance and science sectors, **and mass media** to develop actions that are nature positive and reverse the

persistently negative long term trend for the environment described by recent scientific reports from the Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the International Resource Panel (IPR) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

23. We commit to cooperating across sectors and levels of governments, in partnership with other governments and local actors and the private sector, **as well as mass media** to transition to sustainable food systems, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and inspired by the UN Food Systems Summit vision of sustainable food systems that deliver enhanced food security and resilience while reducing emissions, biodiversity loss and freshwater use, as an essential solution to accelerate actions on all the Sustainable Development Goals, and we welcome the strong engagement by UNEP in the Summit follow-up processes.

26. We further recognize that the effective implementation of these actions requires enabling and coherent legal, policy **and regulatory** frameworks at all levels, good governance and law enforcement, to be supported by effective and urgently mobilized means of implementation from all sources of finance, including domestic, international, private sector and innovative sources in line with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, as well as from relevant international environmental agreements, by further capacity-building, environmentally sound technologies, dedicated development partnerships, and a renewed and strong commitment to multilateralism and international solidarity.

**and include an additional paragraph:**

**We recognize the importance of strengthening international cooperation in transboundary regulation in the field of air protection, conservation of water resources for their renewal and ensuring sustainable development of countries, as well as creating favorable living conditions for people.**