

Comments on the Draft Ministerial Declaration of UNEA at Its Resumed Fifth Session “Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the SDGs.”

Bangladesh highly appreciates the draft Ministerial Declaration of UNEA at its resumed fifth session, “Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.” The draft has emphasized the joint initiatives to address loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services, climate change, and environmental degradation towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals and rebuilding a resilient and sustainable post-pandemic world.

Bangladesh has the following minor observations/comments on the *draft Ministerial Declaration*:

- In Paragraph 4, line 1, the word ‘required’ could be replaced by the word ‘essential.’
- Paragraph 18 could be rewritten as follows-

“We are deeply concerned about the impact of land degradation and droughts, 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 the ecosystem, and act as an accelerator for achieving several Sustainable Development Goals, by keeping our efforts in line with the UNCCD”