

Title: *Draft political declaration of the Special Session of United Nations Environment Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment 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,*

Co-facilitators' proposal:

We the heads of states and governments, ministers and high-level representatives, having gathered, together with the representatives of international organisations and other stakeholders at the Special Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), entitled "Strengthening UNEP for the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development",

PP1 bis: *Expressing our gratitude to the Government of Kenya for hosting the commemorative international meeting - a historic milestone for the global community and UNEP, to reflect on the past and envisage the future,*

PP1 ter: *Acknowledging with appreciation UNEP's 50 years contribution in coordinating a worldwide effort to confront the planet's biggest environmental challenges,*

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 [C**RI, 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)***

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Recognizing the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a human right that is important for the enjoyment of human rights,

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**)*

Co-facilitators' proposal to merge PP3 and PP4:

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”, General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 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”, as well as the outcomes of all the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental fields,

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)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Reaffirming all the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,

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),*

Co-facilitators' proposal to move PP6 to OP2 bis

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)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Recognizing the urgent need and our shared responsibility to reinforce and advance the protection, preservation, restoration and sustainable use of the environment for present and future generations in an equitable manner, as it is crucial to urgently break the current trends of environmental decline, which are impeding progress towards sustainable

development,

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)

Co-facilitators' proposal to move PP8 to OPI ter:

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)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Recognizing the essential role of the environmental rule of law and effective international environmental governance, and welcoming ongoing initiatives to promote a coherent approach for addressing biodiversity loss, climate change and land and ecosystem

degradation, and recognizing the crucial importance of effective national legal frameworks and governance structures for promoting compliance with international environmental law, and the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals,

OPI. [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)****

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Support the enhancement of international environmental governance within the context of the institutional framework for sustainable development and promote enhanced coordination within the UN system for a balanced integration of the environmental, economic and social dimensions of sustainable development,

OPI bis Commit to mainstream in a balanced manner the environmental dimension of sustainable development into national policies, strategies and planning in accordance with national circumstances, including through supporting capacity-building of relevant authorities, in order to achieve the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development,

OPI ter Underline the importance of effective implementation of existing obligations and commitments under international environmental law with the enhanced ambition regarding means of implementation, and enabling 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 developing countries, especially on the poorest and most vulnerable countries, by ensuring environmentally sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery and building back better,

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)**

Co-facilitators’ proposal:

OP2 Affirm the role of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) as the leading decision-making body on the environment, with the universal membership, for enhancing the progress of the comprehensive implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda and setting the overarching guidance for strengthening international environmental governance and for implementation of the global environmental agenda, in accordance with paragraph 88 of the document “The Future We Want”,

OP2 bis Reaffirm 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 and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment, keeps under review the world environment situation and assists Member States in implementing their environmental commitments, consistent with paragraph 88 of the document “The Future We Want”. We support continuous strengthening of intergovernmental oversight and accountability in the implementation of UNEP’s mandate,

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)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Renew our support for strengthening the collaboration and cooperation between multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and UNEA, while respecting their independence and respective mandates, with a view to achieving progressive improvements in the state of the global environment, as well as in the provision of the means of implementation. To that end, we invite the governing bodies of MEAs to collaborate with UNEA, as appropriate, to promote policy coherence and its effective implementation,

***OPA.* [[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),

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Support the strengthening of UNEP with its Headquarters in Nairobi and underline the importance of universal membership to UNEP's Governing Bodies and invite 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 encourage the Governing Bodies of all the Multilateral Environmental Agreements, in particular those hosted by UNEP, to convene their meetings more frequently in Nairobi,

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)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Stress the importance of achieving gender parity and equitable geographic distribution in the UNEP Secretariat, including for senior level positions, and request the Executive Director of UNEP to increase ongoing efforts and take effective action in this regard and report progress achieved on a regular basis to the Committee of Permanent Representatives,

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 from the regular budget of the United Nations, as well as through more stable, predictable and increased core contributions to the environment fund, including based on voluntary indicative scale of contributions determined for all member states (ALG, NOR)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Reaffirm that all Member States and Members of the Specialized Agencies, taking into account their economic and social circumstances, should contribute financially to UNEP. In this regard, we commit to supporting UNEP through more stable, adequate and predictable, prudently managed core contributions to the Environment Fund, based on voluntary indicative scale of contributions determined for all Member States, and stress the need to diversify UNEP's donor base by encouraging Member States that do not regularly contribute to the Environment Fund to do so,

OP6 Bis Encourage UNEP, as chair of the Environment Management Group 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 from all of the Group in the implementation of system-wide strategies on the environment,

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)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Support UNEP's key role in promoting and strengthening the science-policy interface, in order to support international review processes and policy decisions for international environmental law and governance, and encourage formation of geographically and gender balanced scientific community panels. Commit to investing further in environmental research and make more effective use of knowledge generated by the scientific community,

OP8. [Recognize the **principle of the Rio Declaration on (DRC, EU, CRI)** [right to] **(DRC, EU, CRI del) importance of (US, NOR, GBR, EU, CHI)** access to information, access to public participation **in decision-making processes (EU, CRI)** and access to justice in environmental matters, and] **(RUS del) (EU keep)** 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,

Alt Encourage action at the regional, national, sub-national, and local levels to promote access to information, public participation, and access to justice in environmental matters, as appropriate (EGY, RUS)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Recognize the importance of access to information, access to public participation in decision-making processes and access to justice in environmental matters. 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 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] **(GBR, NZL, US, RUS, AUS, EGY, CHI del) strengthen, where needed, environmental laws, policies, and regulatory frameworks at the national level, as well as capacities across all sectors for the effective implementation of international environmental law, (NZL, EU, US, AUS, EGY, CHI) in accordance with national legal systems while acknowledging the importance of international cooperation in supporting and complementing national actions, and (EGY, CHI, IRN, IND, BRA),** 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, **upon their request (BRA, CHI, IRN)**

Alt Commit to the continuous development and implementation of effective and improved national, regional, and global environmental legal frameworks, without regression of the level of environmental protection, 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, for promoting the development and implementation of environmental rule of law, and strengthening Member States' related capacity in developing and implementing the environmental rule of law, (EU, NOR, CRI)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Commit to continuously strengthen, where needed, environmental laws, policies, and regulatory frameworks at the national, regional and global level, without regression of the level of environmental protection, as well as capacities across all sectors for the effective implementation of international environmental law by closing knowledge gaps, enhancing cross-sectoral coordination, improving monitoring and law enforcement, increasing political will and engaging stakeholders, in accordance with national legal systems, while acknowledging the importance of international cooperation in supporting and complementing national actions,

OP9 bis 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 promoting the development and implementation of environmental rule of law, and strengthening Member States' capacity, upon their request, in developing and implementing the environmental rule of law,

OP10. Invite Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies, that have not yet done so, to **consider ratifying (ALG, US, BRA, EGY, IDN, IRN) [ratify] (ALG, US, BRA, EGY, IDN, IRN del)** relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements and to effectively implement them, **through the incorporation of their provisions into their national legal systems (MOR)(BRA, EGY, IRN reserve).** [We call upon /Encourage (COL) Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies to **address (NZL, GBR, BRA, CAN, EGY, NOR, IDN, IRN) [recognize and incorporate] (NZL, GBR, BRA, CAN, EGY, NOR, IDN, IRN del) [principles of international environmental law] (ALG requests clarification) [into] (NZL, GBR, CAN, NOR del) in (NZL, CAN, GBR, NOR) their national legal systems /law/legislation (MOR) as appropriate (NZL, EU, GBR, BRA, CAN, EGY, NOR, ALG, IDN, IRN) and we (US) highlight the support that can be provided through the Montevideo Programme V, [[and we [commit to cooperate] (COL del) encourage cooperation (COL) to build and support capacities (EGY, ALG, IDN) [the capacity of courts and tribunals] (EGY, ALG, IDN del) at all levels to recognize the role of discussions on (NZL, GBR, CAN, NOR)(ALG del) [give full effect to] (NZL, GBR, CAN, NOR, ALG del) (THA keep) [participate in the discussions on] (ALG, IDN) (COL requests clarification on 'discussions')(THA del) [agreed] (THA)(GBR del) principles of international environmental law]] (MOR reserve, proposed alt text (OP10Ter), DRC separate para) in enhancing the implementation of the principles of (NZL, GBR, NOR) (THA del) [for fostering] (NZL, GBR, NOR del) environmental [rule of] (NZL, GBR, NOR del) law,] (RUS, MOR del) (EU, UKR, CRI, NOR, DRC keep original) (US, IRN del)**

***OP10 Bis* Urge Member States to improve, where needed, national implementation of international environmental law by closing knowledge gaps, strengthening regulatory frameworks, enhancing coordination between relevant government departments and with other sectors, improving monitoring and law enforcement, increasing political will, and engaging stakeholders. (US, either here or after OP9)**

***OP10 Ter* We commit to cooperate to strengthen capacities across all sectors for the effective implementation of international environmental law including in the administrative and justice sectors in accordance with national legal systems while acknowledging the importance of international cooperation in this regard (MOR)**

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Invite Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies, that have not yet done so, to consider ratifying relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements and to effectively implement them, through the incorporation of their provisions into national legal systems,

OP10 bis Call upon Member States and Members of Specialized Agencies to recognize and address principles of international environmental law in their domestic legal systems, as appropriate, and highlight the support that can be provided through the Montevideo Programme V. Encourage the cooperation to build and support capacities at all levels to recognize the role of principles of international environmental law,

OP10 ter Commit to cooperate to strengthen capacities across all sectors for the effective implementation of international environmental law including in the administrative and justice sectors in accordance with national legal systems while acknowledging the importance of international cooperation in this regard,

***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 **on the basis of common but differentiated responsibilities (THA, EGY, MOR, IRN, ARG, IDN, ALG, COL)(US, GBR, JPN del) including capacity-building, technology transfer, and the necessary financial support in order to assist countries from the Global South in the implementation of their national environmental policies (MOR, IRN, ARG, IDN, DRC, EGY, CRI)(GBR del), in the areas for which they require it, in addition to/** complementing (COL) their national efforts (CRI, CHI, COL, MOR), [and their effective and (EU, JPN) efficient use,] (THA, EGY, MOR, IRN del)(ARG, IDN, EGY reserve) [especially for countries most affected by environmental degradation / **developing countries (ARG, IDN, EGY).**] (US, ARG, GBR reserve)(MOR del) 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, (EU, CHE, GBR, NOR, CRI, CAN, JPN,**

AUS keep original)

Alt [Urges developed Member States to fulfil their commitments and enhance ambition under relevant MEAs to provide new and additional financial resources and adequate means of implementation to enable developing countries to implement their environmental objectives, consistent with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, ensuring predictable and transparent international financial flows, capacity-building, scientific and technical cooperation and technology transfer, and enhancing North-South South-South and triangular partnerships to support these efforts,] (BRA, EGY, IRN, ARG, DRC)(US, EU, CHE, GBR, JPN del)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Call upon Member States and Members of the Specialized Agencies to enhance the provision, mobilization, effective and efficient use of all types and sources of means of implementation, including capacity-building, access to technology and financial support in order to support developing countries, especially those most affected by environmental degradation, in the implementation of national environmental policies in the areas in which they require it and complementing their national efforts, 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/exploring (US, THA, ALG, IDN, NOR, CAN) the potential for domestic resources through policy reviews such as sustainable fiscal reforms, **and take into consideration on the readiness of Member States and Members of Specialised Agencies (THA, EGY, ALG, IDN) in accordance with national circumstances and priorities (BRA, IRN, EGY, ALG, IDN, THA)** and enhance environmental domestic financial resources to advance the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development, **taking into account** that developing countries may need enhanced international cooperation in addition to their national efforts (NOR) **the specific challenges faced by developing countries and the need of enhanced international cooperation to address their financial constraints in line with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (BRA, CRI, IRN, EGY, ALG, THA, DRC)** and respective capabilities taking into account their national efforts (CRI) [and reflect the global environmental ambition,] (BRA del) and [explore] (BRA del) **develop (BRA) further innovative [financing sources,] (BRA del) financial mechanisms, such as payments for ecosystem services schemes, (BRA, CRI, ALG, NOR, DRC) including through enhanced collaboration with the private sector, as appropriate (BRA, IRN, ALG, IDN)] (RUS del) (US reserve) (CRI, EU, GBR, NOR, CAN, JPN keep original) (ALG consider complementary nature of OP6/OP12)**

Alt. [We commit to bridge the gaps of implementation by enhancing the provision and

mobilization of financial resources, technology transfers and capacity building taking into account common but differentiated responsibilities, the equity principle, and national circumstances and capabilities (ARG, IRN, ALG)] (US, EU, GBR del)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Commit to exploring the potential for domestic environmental financial resources through policy reviews and develop further innovative financial mechanisms, including through enhanced collaboration with the private sector, to advance the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development, taking into consideration readiness, priorities and national circumstances of Member States and Members of Specialised Agencies, and that developing countries may need enhanced International cooperation in addition to their national efforts, for addressing their challenges and financial constraints,

OP13. [[Invite UNEP to develop a United Nations periodic environmental performance review mechanism,] **(RUS seeks clarification on national support)** 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,] **(EGY, RUS, SAU, GBR, ARG, IRN, BRA, ALG del) (US, COL, EU, NOR, NZL reserve) (EU clarification on how periodic review avoids duplication and contributes to PoW, request for written response)**

Alt. **[Invite UNEP to establish a global support centre for the environmental dimension of sustainable development, in order to provide a one-stop service centre for Member States to access technical and scientific cooperation, expertise, tools, and other resources, facilitate the development, transfer and diffusion of technologies and facilitate matchmaking between Member States with specific needs, in particular developing countries, and Member States or organisations in a position to provide assistance in response to the priority needs identified and assist Member States in implementing its environmental objectives, while ensuring complementarity with the work of treaty bodies. We request the Executive Director of UNEP to present modalities of such support centre for the consideration at UNEA-6 and to endeavour to ensure its establishment and functioning as soon as possible. (BRA, ARG)] (EU, EGY, US, CHE, GBR, COL, IRN, NOR, ALG reserve)**

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Invite the Executive Director of UNEP to develop a mechanism to provide assistance to support Member States at the national level upon their request to improve implementation of their environmental objectives, international environmental law and the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda, including on access to scientific information, technologies,

technical assistance and financial resources from all sources, taking into account national circumstances and efforts, while ensuring complementarity with the work of treaty bodies. Request the Executive Director of UNEP to present options for the modalities of such mechanism for the consideration of UNEA at its sixth session,

OP14. [[Call upon] (US del) Invites (US) Members States [to fulfill their financial commitment agreed under the multilateral environmental agreements and to develop and recognize innovative and sustainable financial mechanisms (ARG, BRA, EGY, IRN, IDN)] (EU, NOR, CHE del) [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] (US del) promoting (US) [environmentally (GBR, CRI, CHE)] (BRA, IRN, IDN del) sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.] (ARG del) [[We call on (GBR) [invite] (GBR del) the United Nations [to enhance existing] (GBR del) [to ensure that they are making optimal use of existing (GBR)] (BRA del) financial instruments in order to support Member States capacity building[, financing and technology transfers. (ARG, BRA, IRN, IDN)] (EU del) with a special focus on the needs of developing countries (BRA, IRN, IDN) [needs, including guidance from the UN periodic environmental performance review mechanism, to enable the implementation of existing and future environmental commitments,] (ARG, RUS, EGY, IRN, EU, NOR del) (COL reserve)] (US del)] (GBR keep original)

Co-facilitators' proposal:

Invite Member 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 promoting environmentally sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. We call on the United Nations to ensure optimal use and access to existing financial instruments in order to support Member States capacity building, financing and technology transfers, with a special focus on the needs of developing countries,

OP15. [We encourage the active and meaningful engagement of all relevant stakeholders [at all levels,] (NZL, AUS del) (EU, CRI, CHE, MOR keep) in a geographically and gender balanced manner. (EGY) We will facilitate the full and effective (NOR) participation of indigenous peoples and tribal peoples in accordance with the principle of free, prior, and informed consent, (CRI) local communities, as well as women, youth, civil society, local governments and authorities, academia, the business and financial sectors and other relevant stakeholders, (NOR, CHE) [all relevant stakeholders] (NOR del) at all levels in decision making (NZL, CRI, CAN, AUS, NOR) and we support strengthening the presence of major groups and other stakeholders in UNEP headquarters [in Nairobi by establishing additional liaison offices,] (EGY reserve, request for further information) (CHE keep) which shall be subject to voluntary funding.] (RUS keep first line only until "stakeholders", IRN del second part of para) We commit to continue exploring new ways to promote

**transparency and the effective engagement of civil society including via digital means.
(EU)] (IDN, BRA keep original para)**

Co-Facilitator's proposal:

Encourage the active and meaningful engagement of all relevant stakeholders in a geographically and gender balanced manner, by facilitating their full and effective participation, and support strengthening the presence of major groups and other stakeholders in UNEP headquarters in Nairobi. We commit to continue exploring new ways to promote transparency and the effective engagement of civil society including using digital means,

OP15 Bis. [CHE, EU placeholder to provide text re. UNEP We Want report]