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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to UNEP presents its compliments to the Secretariat, Governing Bodies, United Nations Environment Program (SGB-UNEP), and has the honor to refer to the Ministerial Declaration for UNEA 5.2. in regards to inputs from delegations that was due for submission by 30th of November 2021.

The Permanent Mission on behalf of the Iraq Ministry of Environment is kindly the esteemed organization to consider allowing the input for the Ministerial Declaration from the Government of Iraq.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to UNEP avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat, Governing Bodies, United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the assurance of its highest consideration.

Secretariat, Governing Bodies
United Nations Environment Program
(SGB-UNEP)
Nairobi



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Final draft Ministerial Declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly


Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

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*** Omission of the Words "Fossil Fuels.."***

9. We recognize the need for transformative and systemic changes and for policies that address several environmental, economic and societal challenges simultaneously, rechanneling financial flows to serve the attainment of sustainable development goals through innovative holistic approaches that truly value nature.

10. We will build on the strength of innovation, science and knowledge, capacity building and investment in green and sustainable technologies, which show that solutions exist or can be developed to benefit all countries, reaffirming the importance of dedicated North-South, South-South and triangular development partnerships, and our strong commitment to multilateralism and international solidarity.



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[PREV. PREVIOUS PARA 10 COMBINED WITH PREVIOUS PARA 24 TO MAKE HOLISTIC NEW PARA 12]

12. We welcome the Kunming Declaration from the High-Level Segment of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in Kunming, China from 11 to 15 October 2021, and we call for an ambitious and transformational post-2020 global biodiversity framework for adoption at the second part of the 15th Conference of the Parties that inter alia include a set of clear and robust goals and targets to address the direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity loss, and is supported by increased finance and strengthened reporting and review mechanisms as a key instrument to reach the Sustainable Development Goals, and the 2050 vision of the Convention on Biological Diversity of living in harmony with nature.

13. We welcome and express our support for the upcoming Special Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly under the theme "Strengthening UNEP for the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the creation of UNEP by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, as a historic opportunity to reflect on the past, present and future contribution of 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 to be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 3 to 4 March 2022.

14. We commit to promoting an inclusive and sustainable recovery, a green and just transition, with the goal of revitalizing our economies and livelihoods and ending poverty; by mainstreaming biodiversity, climate change and pollution concerns into all policies and tools; by making use of green economy pathways that emphasize ecosystem and knowledge-based management; employing gender sensitive approaches and addressing inequalities; and by reducing carbon and non-carbon greenhouse gas emissions while adapting to climate change and its impacts in line with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement.

14. We reaffirm our commitment to the UN decade of ecosystem restoration and undertake to work across sectors and levels of government, and among governments, to halt the loss,