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**Intervention of Algeria**

**Agenda item 9: Consultation on the theme for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly**

I thank you for giving me the floor Mr. Chair.

Algeria aligns itself with the statement delivered by H.E. Ambassador of Eritrea on behalf of the African Group.

We would like to thank the Secretariat for the preparation and the early distribution of the working document entitled: “Defining the theme for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly”. It will certainly guide Member states, Regional and Political groups to shape our theme through a consensual manner as well as a transparent and inclusive discussions.

Multilateralism is a key pillar to address the various environmental challenges the world is facing and the concrete strengthening of international cooperation will lead to the achievement of sustainable development goals. There is an urgent need for actions on the ground to ensure that no region is left behind in our multilateral global conversation, especially those continuing to suffer from the impact of environment degradation.

**Mr. Chair**

Algeria is considering the three proposed options for the future UNEA 6 theme which has to be defined in light of the current interlinked and multiple environmental crises of climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, desertification and land degradation.

Today’s agenda item is a good opportunity to remind ourselves that those crises have to be addressed collectively but it is also important to recall that the Global South is, historically, the less contributor to this alarming situation. Having said that, we believe the future theme has to take into account the CBDR principle and the necessity to provide to the developing countries means of implementation, capacity building and transfer of technology.

Furthermore, and while most of the options are putting forward multilateralism, we should stick to multilaterally agreed language and concepts, therefore, avoid the use of expressions “Nature loss”, non-covered by the Convention on Biological Diversity, instead of “Biodiversity loss”.

Algeria is looking forward to discuss further in a constructive manner the future theme of our Assembly.

I thank you.