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The Minister

Excellency,

I would like to thank all delegations for the constructive input and suggestions provided on the proposed options for a theme for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) during the discussion held on 28 October at the 9th Annual Subcommittee meeting.

As mentioned in my closing remarks at that meeting, I took note of the suggestions and revisions suggested and recognized the convergence to options 1 and 3 and noted that some elements from option 2 and from new ideas proposed by the Major Groups and Stakeholders could also be considered for integration into the theme.

As a way forward, I have asked the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Morocco in Nairobi, H.E. Mr. M Laassel Abderrazzak, to conduct open, inclusive and transparent consultations with Member States, observers and Major Groups and Stakeholders, with a view to seek further consensus on the matter.

I would also like to recall that UNEA, in its decision 5/4, requested the Bureau of UNEA, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to define a theme for the sixth session of the Environment Assembly no later than twelve months in advance of the sixth session. As I mentioned during the 9th Annual Subcommittee meeting, a final decision on the theme will be taken by the Bureau of UNEA during the Joint retreat of the Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and the United Nations Environment Assembly, scheduled for 30 and 31 January 2023 in Morocco.

I look forward to working closely with all of you to ensure that the consultations will result in an impactful theme that enjoys the widest possible support and contributes to a successful UNEA-6.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,

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