

Mr Rachid Firadi, Director of Partnership, Communication and Cooperation
Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco

Dear Mr Firadi,

The International Centre for Comparative Environmental Law (CIDCE) welcomes the Zero Draft of the Ministerial Declaration of UNEA-6 and is pleased to suggest the addition of the following, yellow-marked language:

1. In para 5:

We also welcome with appreciation other important multilateral achievements including the 2022 UN Ocean Conference and the 2023 UN Water Conference, the adoption of the resolutions on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment by the UN Human Rights Council in 2021 and by the UN General Assembly in 2022, and the adoption of the agreement under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.

3. In para. 8-a:

promote sustained global efforts to address climate change in line with the principles of the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement, including by addressing the urgent need for scaled up action for adaptation and resilience as well as loss and damage. We will spare no effort to protect our communities against natural disasters induced or exacerbated by climate change, such as drought, famine, and flooding, recognizing the devastating impacts these phenomena have on displaced persons, societies, economies, and ecosystems.

4. In para. 8-e:

Incorporate environmental and human rights considerations into disaster risk management to mitigate the adverse impacts of natural disasters, on human health and the environment and recommend using a combination of measures to strengthen the resilience to global risks, and accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including actions on the conservation and restoration of ecosystems, climate change mitigation and adaptation, pollution reduction and management, as well as actions to transform economic and financial systems and to ensure sustainable production and consumption

5. After para. 14, add a new para. to read:

We welcome with appreciation UNEP's support of the One Health approach, including under the umbrella of the Quadripartite Organizations – UNEP, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the World Organisation for Animal Health –, and look forward to advancing this approach through the adoption of an international legally binding instrument on pandemics by 2024.

CIDCE (cidce.org/en), an international NGO on observer status with UNEA and special consultative status with the UN, is committed to the promotion and development of international legal instruments on environmental protection.

With kind regards,

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