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President of the Sixth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) and Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco;

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(To note that opening statements will be from UNEA-6 President, host country and UNEP Executive Director)

Honourable President, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Malaysia would like to express our appreciation to the Government of Kenya for your warm hospitality in hosting this important event. We are likewise profoundly grateful to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for your tireless efforts in successfully organising today's proceedings.
2. Malaysia is fully committed to play a crucial role in addressing global environmental challenges. We have implemented policies and initiatives to achieve environmental sustainability in line with our national development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. Our actions are also aligned with our commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other Multilateral Environment Agreements.
4. Malaysia reiterated its firm commitments on climate change during the 28th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (UNFCCC COP28) in Dubai, UAE. We believe that all countries must contribute to the fight against climate change based on the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.
5. Under the Paris Agreement, Malaysia intends to reduce our economy-wide carbon intensity, against the GDP, by 45% in 2030 compared to 2005 levels as its Nationally Determined Contributions. Furthermore, we aspire to achieve net-zero GHG emissions earliest by 2050 under the National Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS), which will be finalised by this year.
6. Recognising that Malaysia is continually vulnerable to the negative effects of climate change, such as flooding, coastal erosion and droughts, we are currently developing a National Adaptation Plan (MyNAP) in collaboration with foreign and local institutions and funded by the Global Climate Fund under the UNFCCC.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

7. Malaysia has been taking various measures to support the global biodiversity agenda, seeking to embody the spirit of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) into the National Policy on Biological Diversity (NPBD) 2022-2030 which was launched on 24 October 2023.
8. Besides policy revision, the biodiversity legal framework is also being strengthened with the enforcement of the Wildlife Conservation Act (Amendment) 2022 on 1 February 2023, and the passing of the National Forestry Act (Amendment) 2022 by the Parliament in August 2022.
9. In terms of institutional frameworks, Malaysia has reinforced its National Biodiversity Council (NBC) as the highest coordinating platform for strengthening national biodiversity conservation policies and strategies, as well as providing oversight to the implementation of the NPBD. In addition, the Malaysia Biodiversity Centre (MBC) will be established as a national centre of excellence for biodiversity management and will spearhead the establishment of the Natural History Museum Malaysia.
10. As biodiversity loss is being addressed globally, we will do our part to conserve our biodiversity for future generations. We believe biodiversity is our life, our heritage and our future.

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11. Plastic pollution is one of the most pressing issues globally. It is a crisis that has reached a critical point, posing significant threats to ecosystems, the environment, and human health.
12. In light of Resolution 5/14 of UNEA 5.2, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) is currently developing an internationally, legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, which is to be based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic, including its production, design and disposal. Thus, we would urge all member states to recall that the aspiration of Resolution 5/14 is to end plastic pollution.
13. Our path to sustainability must be determined nationally, ensuring a just transition that respects our developmental pace. Addressing climate change will only be successful if it is conducted in an inclusive and just fashion globally.

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14. Before I conclude, Malaysia expresses its sincere hope that all Member States will collectively find a way to ensure that UNEA-6 yields outcomes which we can all be proud of. I look forward to our continued collaboration and effective multilateralism to ensure the well-being of our planet and that of our future generations.

Thank you.