

# **NATIONAL STATEMENT OF TURKIYE**

**Your Excellency President,**

**Distinguished Participants**

I would like to thank the United Nations Environment Programme for its efforts in organizing the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the Government of Kenya for their hospitality.

Climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity are global in nature and call us to strengthen international efforts.

Türkiye is aware of its responsibility and will continue to contribute to global actions within the framework of national conditions.

### **Honorable Delegates**

We are working to develop more effective strategies and policies to tackle the climate crisis and we are increasing our targets every day.

We announced our 2053 net zero emission target and green development vision to the world.

We are working to increase the amount of Protected Areas to combat climate change.

Furthermore, at the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention, it was decided to establish the Regional Türkiye.

## **Distinguished Delegates**

The National Water Efficiency Campaign was launched under the auspices of Mrs. Emine ERDOĞAN with the principle of Zero Loss in Water to promote the sustainable use of our resources by creating a water efficiency culture throughout the society.

We continue to work in cooperation with international institutions and organizations to promote the blue economy, protect and improve the marine environment.

## **Honorable Delegates**

Transition to circular economy and zero waste approaches are among the most effective policies to effectively manage our natural resources and reduce waste.

In 2022, under the leadership of Türkiye, the 77th General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the proposed Zero Waste and March 30th International Zero Waste Day resolution.

Zero Waste initiatives, together with the environmentalist actions we have taken, will contribute to our goal of a Livable World.

As Türkiye, we approach the issue with the awareness that the world is our 'common home' and all the resources of nature are the 'common heritage of humanity'.

We believe that UNEP will continue to guide environmental and climate efforts in cooperation with countries.

**Your Excellency President, Distinguished Participants,**

Cruelty and massacres are taking place in Gaza, in Palestine, which would make all humanity blush.

In the face of these atrocities, international organizations need to take concrete steps.

I hope we can hold the next UNEA meetings in a world where children, women and innocent people are not bombed.

I greet you all with respect and love.