



Ministero dell' Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica

SEGRETERIA DEL VICEMINISTRO ON. VANNIA GAVA

Giovedì 29 febbraio ore 19.30 (circa)

INTERVENTO A CARATTERE NAZIONALE AL SEGMENTO DI ALTO LIVELLO (ASSEMBLEA PLENARIA)

Madame Chair, Leila Benali, President of UNEA-6

Executive Director of UNEP Ms. Inger Andersen,

Dear colleagues, distinguished delegates,

First, I would like to thank UNEP for giving me the opportunity to address these important topics. Italy actively participated in the work at EU level and is aligned with the statement made by Belgium on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.

The multiple crises faced by the planet are deeply interconnected. We all know that the complexity of the challenges and the urgent need for global solutions require an effective international cooperation and a synergistic and holistic approach.

We need to agree on an inclusive and multilateral action to address climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, waste, and desertification. To build resilient societies and safeguard the planet for future generations, it is critical to address these challenges with tangible and pragmatic solutions, investing in renewable energy and innovative technologies, promoting ecosystem conservation and restoration.

In response to these global challenges, Italy, holding in 2024 the Presidency of the G7, intends to work together to plan and implement ambitious actions to address the climate crisis and limit the global temperature rise to 1.5°C

and the need to accelerate the net-zero agenda at the international level, promoting a pragmatic approach, looking at among other things, access to reliable, clean, sustainable and affordable energy sources, while leaving no one behind.

Perfectly aligned with UNEA-6, the issue of the health of our Oceans and Seas will be a priority of the Italian presidency of the G7, with a particular focus on strengthening the strategic role of UNEP's Regional Seas Conventions in the implementation of global ocean-related goals and processes, including the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, the BBNJ Agreement, and the Global Biodiversity Framework of the Convention on Biodiversity.

Naturally, addressing the necessary just and inclusive transition will require investing many more resources, both public and private, to improve climate and environmental and economic sustainability. Italy is ready to provide its support. The recent signature of the Mattei Plan between Italy and the African countries, the establishment of the Climate Fund (3 billion euros) and the large contribution to the Loss and Damage Fund (100 million euros) are evidence of Italy's commitment to support the most vulnerable countries to climate change by adopting a focus also on sustainable development goals and biodiversity protection.

Madame Chair, Dear Delegates

In conclusion, Italy's commitment is growing and continuous and is translated into several initiatives that embrace the different aspects of these crises. Indeed, we are convinced that only through a proactive, shared, and synergistic approach it will be possible to meet current and future challenges and leave a healthier and more liveable planet for the future generations.

Thank you.