

## UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY – SIXTH SESSION

### Statement for [H.E. Ms. Susana Muhamad Gonzales, Vice-President of UNEA and Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia] introducing the report on credentials to the 6th plenary session of the United Nations Environment Assembly: 26 February 2022 to 1 March 2024

Excellencies, distinguished Delegates,

It is my pleasure to report on behalf of the Bureau on the status of credentials to the Sixth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

The Bureau has examined the credentials of Member States submitted in accordance with Rules 16 and 17 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly and approved the following.

As of [28 February 2024], formal credentials in original form issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, have been physically submitted to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme by **49** Member States.

As of [28 February 2024], **122** Member States have submitted information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the United Nations Environment Assembly to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, by means of a scanned copy in electronic form of formal credentials signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a scanned copy of a letter or note verbale including from the Permanent Mission concerned or by means of another form of official communication.

**Twenty-one** Member States had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Bureau, communicated to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme any information regarding their representatives to the Assembly.

The Bureau has, as far as Myanmar is concerned decided, following the decisions of the General Assembly on the same matter, to take no action with regard to its communications concerning its representatives to the sixth session.

Following examination of credentials by the Bureau, the Secretariat has taken original hard copies of credentials from Angola, Azerbaijan, and Djibouti to the file.

The Bureau recommends that the Sixth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly accept those official communications from Member States concerning their participation in the Sixth session, that have been accepted by the Bureau.

#### **[President:**

Thank you, Ms Vice-President for that statement.

Do I take it that the Sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly wishes to accept the credentials of Member States? I see no objection, it is so decided." [GAVEL] ]

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