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**Closing remarks statement by H. E. Mr. Boumediene Mahi,
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Mr. Chair, Madame Executive Director, Excellencies, and distinguished delegates,

Algeria aligns itself with the statements delivered by Egypt on behalf of the G77+China, and the one delivered by Somalia on behalf of the African Group.

At the outset, I extend my gratitude to Madame Executive Director, you M. Chair, the Secretariat, the Panelists and the UNEP team for their efforts in ensuring the success of this meeting. I also commend the participants for their engagement in a rich and constructive debate during this session.

As we conclude, allow me to highlight several key recommendations for UNEP's future work:

1. **Desertification and Land Degradation:** We strongly advocate for the inclusion of UNEP's efforts to address desertification and land degradation in its Mid-term Strategy for 2026-2029 and its future Work Programs. This recommendation applies to both global and regional levels. In this context, we encourage UNEP's contribution to the 10th special session of AMCEN on drought, desertification, and land degradation, scheduled for September 1, 2024, in Abidjan. We also highly recommend UNEP's support in implementing the outcomes of this session.
2. **Great Green Wall Initiative:** Algeria calls on the Secretariat to keep the African region informed on all aspects of cooperation between UNEP and the Great Green Wall Secretariat. This includes updates on achievements, challenges, and options for improvement.
3. **Environmental Pollution:** The work of the Environmental Management Group must prioritize assessing the impact of environmental pollution on lands, including its connections to land degradation and desertification.
4. **Wildfire Management:** Wildfire management activities should receive equal attention in the Environmental Management Group's efforts to combat environmental pollution.
5. **Progress Updates:** We highly appreciate the Secretariat's efforts to update member states on environmental action progress. Algeria strongly recommends that future reports adequately reflect all actions undertaken by Member States regarding the implementation of MEAs, including those achieved through bilateral cooperation.
6. **Adaptive Measures:** Algeria supports the inclusion of additional adaptive measures and actions in UNEP's future Work Programs, particularly in providing support to developing Member States.

7. **Learning and Improvement:** We support leveraging lessons learned from various processes, Mid-term strategies, and UNEP's work to explore opportunities for improvement.
8. **Regional Ministerial Fora:** We recognize the importance of UNEP's contribution to the regional ministerial fora on the environment. UNEP should enhance its Mid-term Strategy and Program of Work to better address the regions' contexts, challenges, and needs, considering the mandates of regional organizations and their pertinent bodies dealing with similar issues.
9. **UNEA-7 Preparation:** Regarding the preparation process of UNEA-7, Algeria aligns with the view expressed by most delegations that the theme of this event should result from a transparent and inclusive process. The theme should consensually reflect the environmental challenges we face and propose possible solutions, considering previous UNEA resolutions and the agreed-upon language by all Member States. It should also take into consideration developing countries national contexts and capabilities and focus more on equity.

Thank you.