

STATEMENT BY

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Excellences Ministers,

High Level Officials

Representatives of International Organisations,

Representatives of Civil Society,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honour and privilege to deliver this statement on behalf of the Government of Libya.

From the outset, allow me to express my profound gratitude to the Government and brotherly people of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire for the warm hospitality extended to all delegations.

Let me also take this opportunity to commend, the Bureau and the Secretariat of AMCEN for the excellent work done during the past quarter of centenary under the support and able leadership of UNEP. Furthermore,

Colleagues Excellences,

The overall theme of 10<sup>th</sup> special session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) is Raising African Ambition to Reduce Land Degradation, Desertification and Drought. This important meeting of the African Ministers for the environment will confirm commitment and focus in such challenging and key environmental issues that strongly affecting and threaten the majority of the African countries particularly land degradation, desertification and drought.

Libya strongly support within the context of sustainable development enhancing opportunities for ecosystem restoration and enhance resources mobilization for combating land degradation, desertification and drought.

The coming COP 16 will be great opportunity at the international level and chance we may not come back, for African countries to be heard and to present a unified voice and strong message of the African Common Position On shared environmental challenges.

Once again, we would like to thank AMCEN our crucial platform for organizing such important meeting.

I believe that it is the right time now to ensure the fulfilment of global financial pledges, to provide adequate means of implementation that enables African countries to meet their commitments under various Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

Excellences, Ministers,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Finally, Libya hope that AMCEN will take this opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to continue participating actively in the COP 16 of the UNCCD session and looks forward to the adoption of impactful outcomes that will help our continent in addressing the global environment challenges, as well as, the implementation.

Thank you