

**UNEA-7**  
**Zero draft Ministerial declaration**  
**Proposals of the Russian side**

With reference to the letter of H.E. Dr. Abdullah Bin Ali Al-Amri, President of the United Nations Environment Assembly, dated 15 January 2025, regarding key topics and issues to be considered for inclusion in a zero draft Ministerial declaration of the UNEA-7 we are forwarding the proposals of the Russian side.

As a key message that would enable the Ministerial declaration to take forward the UNEA theme “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet” in the most impactful manner, the Russian side proposes to consider emphasizing the need to advance science-based sustainable solutions that balance the environmental, economic, and social interests of individuals, society, and the state. These solutions should promote sustainable development and a healthy environment, while respecting national interests and national circumstances.

Among collective actions and policy solutions we propose to consider ways to enhance international cooperation for the transfer of environmentally friendly technologies to countries of the Global South, to develop digital solutions for the monitoring and management of environmental risks, and to encourage implementing ecological education programs to foster awareness and long-term sustainability.

We also would like to stress the importance of maintaining the depoliticized nature of the Ministerial declaration.

The document must as well avoid country bias, adhere strictly to agreed language, and exclude elements that could be interpreted as interference in specialized negotiations under other United Nations bodies or references to unverified or pseudoscientific claims.

We also recommend to reaffirm the importance of recruiting staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible in order to advance equitable geographic distribution and gender parity among UNEP staff, and continuous strengthening of oversight and accountability of the UNEP Secretariat.