

## **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY MAJOR GROUP TO UNEP INPUTS ON DRAFT MINISTERIAL DECLARATION FOR UNEA 7**

We call upon Member States to develop and test artificial intelligence (AI) applications in advancing sustainable environmental solutions on a solid scientific basis, taking into account traditional knowledge while ensuring transparency, accountability and good governance. We call upon Member States to continue to address the digital divide so that young scientists and innovators from the Global South can contribute to these solutions.

We call upon Member States to honor the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) moratorium on geoengineering, reaffirmed at COP16 last year, and to establish a global multilateral democratic legal mechanism to govern experiments, tests, demonstrations or deployment of geoengineering proposals, applying a precautionary approach and the provisions of CBD and the London Convention/London Protocol re geoengineering, including among other aspects, full account of risk assessment and risk management, with particular attention to potential impacts on human health, human rights and vulnerable populations and ecosystems.