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A: United Nations Environment Assembly

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SUBJECT: **Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft  
resolution UNEP/EA.5/L.1 entitled "Medium-term strategy for 2022-2025  
and programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022-2023"**

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be read and distributed prior to the adoption of draft resolution UNEP/EA.5/L.1 entitled "Medium-term strategy for 2022-2025 and programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022-2023".

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**Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution UNEP/EA.5/L.1 entitled "Medium-term strategy for 2022-2025 and programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022-2023"**

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

2. Under the terms of draft resolution UNEP/EA.5/L.1, the United Nations Environment Assembly would approve, the medium-term strategy for the period 2022-2025, and the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022-2023.

3. Implementation of the medium-term strategy for the period 2022-2025 and the proposed programme of work and budget for the biennium 2022-2023 as contained in documents UNEP/EA.5/3 and UNEP/EA.5/3/Add.1, respectively, would result in the realignment of the programmatic structure of UNEP, within its existing mandates, as follows:

(a) Subprogramme 1: the renaming of the subprogramme from "Climate change" to "Climate action";

(b) Subprogramme 2:

i. The current subprogramme 2 "Resilience to disasters and conflicts" would no longer be a stand-alone subprogramme and its activities would be mainstreamed into the other subprogrammes.

ii. In its place a new subprogramme 2, "Digital transformations", which would function as an enabling subprogramme within the existing mandates of UNEP, would be established.

(c) Subprogramme 3: the renaming of the subprogramme from "Healthy and productive ecosystems" to "Nature action";

(d) Subprogramme 4: no change;

(e) Subprogramme 5: the renaming of the subprogramme from "Chemicals, waste and air quality" to "Chemicals and pollution action";

(f) Subprogramme 6: the renaming of the subprogramme from "Resource efficiency" to "Finance and economic transformations"; and

(g) Subprogramme 7: the renaming of the subprogramme from "Environment under review" to "Science policy".

4. Should the United Nations Environment Assembly adopt draft resolution UNEP/EA.5/L.1, the abovementioned realignment of the programmatic structure along with a related realignment of existing resources, on a net zero impact basis to the regular programme budget, would be presented in the proposed programme budget for 2022, which would be considered by the General Assembly during its main 76<sup>th</sup> session, as per the established budgetary procedures.

5. Accordingly, the adoption of the draft resolution UNEP/EA.5/L.1 would not entail any additional budgetary implications to the regular budget.

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