

**Statement by Ms Grace Fu,  
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at the 5<sup>th</sup> United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5)  
Virtual Segment Leadership Dialogue**

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*Mr President,*

*Excellencies and distinguished delegates,*

1 I congratulate the UNEA-5 Norwegian Presidency for convening the Leadership Dialogue through virtual means. While countries are managing the dual challenges of COVID-19 pandemic of public health and economy, this Dialogue draws the attention of global political leadership on environmental challenges, including climate change. Collective action and international cooperation through UNEP are critical to arrest global warming and address the urgent need for climate action.

2 As a small island state with limited resources, Singapore has always pursued sustainable development since independence. And as a low-lying island, global warming is an existential problem for us. Amidst the global pandemic, we see greater need in building our climate, economic and resource resilience, and to emerge greener, better, and stronger through a whole-of-nation action plan.

**Singapore Green Plan 2030**

3 We recently launched the Singapore Green Plan 2030. The Green Plan will guide us towards our Climate Action Goals and it has the following five pillars:

- a) First, **City in Nature**. We will plant one million more trees over the next decade and create a green, liveable and sustainable home for Singaporeans.
  
- b) Second, **Sustainable Living**. We will reduce the waste sent to our landfill by 30% over the next decade. Through our schools, we will inculcate in our young the values and habits to understand, practise and live sustainably;
  
- c) Third, **Energy Reset**. We will adopt cleaner energy and increase energy efficiency to lower our carbon footprint. By 2030, we will double the targeted number of electric vehicle charging points, from 28,000 to 60,000. Our solar energy deployment will also increase to five times that of today;
  
- d) Fourth, **Green Economy**. We will support our businesses to go green. We will also embrace sustainability as a new engine of jobs and growth, and grow new industries such as green finance and carbon services; and
  
- e) Fifth, a **Resilient Future**. We will strengthen Singapore's climate resilience and enhance our food security, by dedicating resources to strengthen coastal protection and to produce 30% of our nutritional needs by 2030.

4 The Green Plan reinforces our commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals, including our pursuit of circular economy in achieving our vision of a Zero Waste Nation.

## **Launch of commemoration activities for UNEP's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

5 I offer my best wishes to Executive Director Inger Andersen, ahead of the launch of commemorative activities for UNEP's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Much has been achieved since its establishment at the Stockholm Conference on Human and Development in 1972. Singapore joins the international community to support UNEP in its work, as the world continues to face increasing environmental challenges.

6 Thank you.

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