**Working Group on the format and outcome of the high-level segment of the**

**United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP**

The following revised draft text for the outcome of the high-level segment of UNEA-2 has been developed by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives drawing from the comments and submissions by Member States during and after the second meeting of the Open Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives held in February 2016.

**A Healthier, Safer, Brighter Future for All**

**We, Ministers responsible for the environment have unanimously adopted this declaration on 27 May 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya, on the occasion of the Second Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme:**

1. We recognize the significant steps undertaken by world leaders and the international community, in the spirit of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, “The Future We Want”, to promote a sustainable future for all since our first session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, in June 2014, highlighted by the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, as well as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction;
2. While recognizing the progress achieved, we are deeply concerned about the environmental degradation endangers ecosystems and biodiversity, the health of our populations and causes millions of premature deaths and great financial losses globally;
3. We are aware that continuing unsustainable consumption and production patterns that are impacting negatively on many of the world’s natural resources, ecosystems and their services;
4. We are equally concerned about the environmental factors contributing to and affecting the current humanitarian crises in the world, the risks of and root causes behind conflicts and forced displacement;

**Our Shared Vision and Call to Action:**

1. We reaffirm our commitment to the resolutions adopted at this session of UNEA and to address environmental degradation globally. Going forward it is imperative that the international community take urgent action to:
2. Tackle climate change without delay, including through the Lima-Paris Action Agenda. We urge all countries to sign and ratify the Paris Agreement as soon as possible and implement the mitigation and adaptation measures needed to reach the goals;
3. Transform our societies to become truly sustainable and able to support the needs of present and future generations, including through increased reuse and recycling of materials and improved transfer of, and access to, clean and environmentally sound technologies and in accordance with the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP);
4. Design a new, sustainable and equitable economic model that aims for harmony with Nature and eradicating poverty;
5. Design and implement policies which will improve the health of the environment, ecosystems and the health of people, including on air and water, the issues known to have the highest impact on health;
6. Enhance efforts to conserve and use sustainably the oceans, seas and marine resources;
7. Promote the fair, just and sustainable management of natural resources and combat their illegal and unsustainable exploitation and trade;
8. Accelerate efforts to achieve the 2020 goal on the sound management of chemicals and wastes and to prepare for a global framework after 2020;
9. Work towards the adoption of an ambitious and action-oriented urban agenda that promotes a new model of sustainable urban development that fully addresses the environmental dimension in an integrated manner at the Habitat III conference;
10. Address the environmental dimension of humanitarian crises in the world, the risks of and root causes behind conflicts and forced displacement;
11. We affirm the central role of UNEA, and UNEP respectively, as the leading environmental authority in the wider UN system in ensuring coordinated and integrated implementation and review of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
12. We highlight the crucial work of UNEP in keeping the environment under review, enabling us to act on a sound basis and in a timely manner. We call on UNEP to continue monitoring the state of the environment, including through scientific panels and the GEO process, to identify environmental trade-offs and synergies in order to guide the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
13. We welcome the active participation of Major Groups and other relevant stakeholders in addressing the many environmental challenges ahead;
14. We encourage UNEP to expand, enhance and forge new multi-stakeholder partnerships, bringing together Governments, the private sector, civil society, the United Nations system and other actors in mobilizing all available resources to take concrete action to fully implement the environmental dimension 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through the promotion of gender equality;
15. We urge UNEP to strengthen its capacity at regional and sub-regional levels to bridge the existing gap between global and regional development agendas on improving the environment;
16. We will strive for closer cooperation and coordination between UNEA and the Governing Bodies of other United Nations agencies and programmes, including through continued work on the framework of the system wide strategies on the environment, and we will promote synergies amongst the Multilateral Environmental Agreements to reduce fragmentation in international environmental governance;
17. We acknowledge the central role of the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in overseeing the follow-up and coordinated and integrated review at the global level of the SDGs. UNEA and UNEP will fully contribute to the deliberations of the HLPF. We invite the President of the UNEA to submit this declaration to the HLPF;

***Protecting the Environment is integral to sustainable development and to a healthier, safer, brighter future for all. We owe it to ourselves, our children and future generations to make this future a reality.***