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**Draft resolution on fostering national action to address global environmental challenges through increased cooperation between the United Nations Environment Assembly, the United Nations Environment Programme and multilateral environmental agreements\***

*The United Nations Environment Assembly,*

*Recalling* Governing Council decision SS.XII/3 of 22 February 2012, on international environmental governance,

*Recalling also* the General Assembly Resolution 73/333, adopted on 30 August 2019,

*Reaffirming* the independent and autonomous nature of multilateral environmental agreements and emphasizing the need to respect their individual mandates,

*Reaffirming* the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and all its principles,

*Recalling* the United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

*Further recalling* the UNEA Resolution 2/5 entitled “delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which commits to contributing to the effective implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in an integrated manner, through setting the global environmental agenda, providing overarching policy guidance and defining policy responses to address emerging environmental challenges, undertaking policy review, dialogue and exchange of experiences, and fostering partnerships for achieving environmental goals and resource mobilization,

*Also recalling* paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, “The future we want”, which commits to strengthen the role of the United Nations Environment Programme as the leading global environmental authority setting the global environmental agenda, promoting the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serving as an authoritative advocate for the global environment,

*Further recalling* paragraph 89 of “The future we want” which recognizes the significant contributions to sustainable development made by the multilateral environmental agreements, encourages parties to MEAs to consider further measures, as appropriate, to promote policy coherence at all relevant levels, improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary overlap and duplication, and enhance

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coordination and cooperation among MEAs, including the three Rio Conventions as well as with the UN system in the field,

*Recognizing the opportunities for promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration, as appropriate, in the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements at the national level,*

*Noting General Assembly resolution 76/300 entitled “The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment”,*

*Recognizing the need to strengthen international cooperation towards the environmental dimension of sustainable development,*

1. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, subject to the availability of resources without prejudice to the specific objectives of relevant MEAs, recognizing their respective mandates, and in line with the relevant decisions of the governing bodies of the MEAs and in cooperation with the respective MEA secretariat, to:

(a) Strengthen and promote its capacity-building initiatives, to facilitate coherent and effective implementation of multilateral environmental agreements at the regional and national level on a Member State driven basis, including through the fifth Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law and through United Nations Environment Programme regional offices, regional centres of MEAs, and United Nations Regional Commissions;

(b) Request the Executive Director to develop an analysis of case studies, success stories, and lessons learnt from cooperation, collaboration, and complementarities at the national level in the implementation of MEAs;

(c) To strengthen cooperation between United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Country Teams (UNCTs), and to encourage UN Country Teams to mainstream the objectives of MEAs into their work;

(d) To enhance cooperation with Member States upon request in identifying opportunities for collaboration in implementing reporting processes under MEAs;

(e) To mobilise resources to implement this resolution;

2. *Encourages* Member States:

(a) To promote synergies, cooperation or collaboration, as appropriate, in the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements, without prejudice to their specific objectives, and observing their independent and autonomous nature including through the establishment of coordinated and cooperative approaches, structured communication channels and convening of national focal points of various multilateral environmental agreements;

(b) To identify in their Voluntary National Reviews to the High-Level Political Forum, where applicable, contributions of MEAs to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

(c) To identify, with relevant stakeholders, approaches for strengthening cooperation in the implementation of MEAs;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Director to report to the Environment Assembly at its seventh session on progress made on United Nations Environment Programme’s contributions to the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements at the national level, as well as the implementation of the present resolution.