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Summary of Action Points

As approved by the Technical Segment of the 25th EMG Senior Officials Meeting

I. UN E-Waste Coalition

The Senior Officials:

- a) Welcome the progress made by the emerging e-waste coalition, the additional signatories of the Letter of Intent and the cooperative efforts with other stakeholders in promoting collaboration to address the e-waste challenge;
- b) Take note of the vision, mission, goals and draft governance structure of the emerging E-waste Coalition;
- c) Decide to extend the mandate of the Environment Management Group to support the work of the emerging E-waste Coalition for a maximum of one more year to finalize its Terms of Reference, including its governance structure, and enable it to become fully operational.

II. UN SDS Coalition

The Senior Officials:

- a) Welcome the progress made in establishing the Coalition including the development of its Terms of Reference;
- b) Invite the Coalition to finalize its Strategy and Action Plan as a basis for its medium- and long-term actions.

III. Consultative Process on Advancing Environmental and Social Sustainability in the UN System

The Senior Officials:

- a) Endorse the Model Approach to Environmental and Social Standards for UN Programming and encourage UN entities to use the Model Approach when they adopt or revise their environmental and social standards and safeguards;
- b) Agree to extend the Consultative Process for another year to:
 - i. Collectively develop tools and guidance notes to harmonize the operationalization of the Model Approach;
 - ii. Raise awareness and facilitate shared learning to support implementation of the Model Approach through joint webinars and capacity building exercises;
 - iii. Create an online knowledge sharing space where existing guidance documents, tools and knowledge materials on environmental and social standards are compiled and made available for UN entities;
 - iv. Prepare Phase II of the Strategy for Sustainability Management in the UN System 2020-2030 in close collaboration with the Issue Management Group on Environmental Sustainability Management.

IV. IMG on Environmental Sustainability Management

The Senior Officials:

- a) Endorse the report on activities and invite the IMG to continue its work that has led to the successful outcome of the UN Climate Neutral Strategy;
- b) Request the IMG to continue its work on the UN sustainability strategy implementation and to collaborate with the ESS Consultative process at a proposal for a stable UN Sustainability Strategy implementation structure by 2020 including co-funding options and responsibility sharing as requested in the UN Sustainability Strategy governance indicators;
- c) Welcome the collaboration with the Common Premises task team at the integration of sustainable building considerations in UN country offices and requests that the IMG on ESM and UNEP SUN escalate work on integrating environmental sustainability considerations in the current UN reforms.

V. Environmental Management Peer Reviews of UN entities

The Senior Officials:

- a) Take note of the concluded peer review report of the Kakuma refugee camp of UNHCR in Kenya; and possible peer reviews of ESCWA, ECA and UN Political Mission in Colombia in 2019-2020;

- b) Welcome the continued interest by UN agencies in the peer to peer methodology and its usefulness for improving the UN agencies environmental management and enhancing environmental sustainability mainstreaming in the work of the UN agencies;
- c) Invite the EMG members to examine consideration of a peer to peer approach in enhancing environmental sustainability mainstreaming in UNSDCFs, as well as in programming or developing/improving agencies environmental and social sustainability frameworks;
- d) Invite reviewed agencies to use the peer review reports as guidance and baselines for improving environmental sustainability measures and developing environmental management systems, and encourage other agencies to make use of these reports when putting in place or strengthening their environmental sustainability measures.

VI. IMG on Environment and Humanitarian Action

The Senior Officials:

- a) Decide to conclude the work of the IMG in light of sustained interagency collaboration through the Environment and Humanitarian Action Network.

VII. UN System-Wide Framework of Strategies for the Environment

The Senior Officials:

- a) Encourage UN agencies to contribute to the second edition of the SWFS Report with focus on biodiversity, with the aim to launch the report at the UN Biodiversity Summit in September 2020, followed by a system-wide event during the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention Biological Diversity in October 2020 in China;
- b) Extend the Consultative Process to support the continued implementation of the Framework by compiling information on progress made by UN entities in the implementation of the environmental dimensions of the SDGs, and showcasing good practices and examples of interagency collaboration efforts in the third edition of the SWFS Synthesis Report.

VIII. EMG Nexus Dialogues

The Senior Officials:

- a) Welcome the continuation of the Nexus Dialogue series as a mechanism for ongoing discussion and continued exchange of lessons learned and good practices among UN entities and other stakeholders;
- b) Invite UN agencies to share their ideas for how the value-added of the dialogues can be further increased;
- c) Encourage UN agencies to propose themes for and contribute to future Dialogues by sharing their experience and exchanging ideas on innovative solutions to environmental challenges with other stakeholders.

IX. Potential New Topics for Inclusion in the EMG Agenda

The Senior Officials:

- a) Welcome the establishment of a Task Team on Marine Plastic Littering and Microplastics;
- b) Take note of the other three proposals presented to the midterm meeting of the technical segment and invite further consideration of possible system-wide contributions on these topics, taking into account the availability of resources.