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## Summary of Action Points

As approved by the Technical Segment of the 26<sup>th</sup> EMG Senior Officials Meeting

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### *I. Consultative Process on Biodiversity*

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The Senior Officials:

- a) Consider and endorse the EMG report: Supporting the Global Biodiversity Agenda: a United Nations System Commitment for Action to assist Member States delivering on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- b) Decide to extend the Consultative Process on Biodiversity to follow up on the above-mentioned report in support of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework.

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### *II. UN E-waste Coalition*

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The Senior Officials:

- a) Take note of the progress made towards finalising the E-waste Coalition's Terms of Reference and the proposed arrangements for the coordination of the Coalition's activities, ensuring continuity following the hand-over of secretarial support from the EMG Secretariat to the Coalition;

- b) Decide to transfer the coordination of the E-waste Coalition to its member agencies, in light of the progress made by the group and the completed mandate of the Environment Management Group;
- c) Invite the UN E-waste Coalition to inform the Environment Management Group at regular intervals on progress in this area of work.

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### *III. UN Coalition on Combating Sand and Dust Storms*

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The Senior Officials:

- a) Welcome the official establishment of the UN Coalition on Sand and Dust Storms as well as the progress made towards establishing its work practices;
- b) Welcome the leadership of UNEP followed by FAO in ensuring progress towards implementing the Coalition's strategy and action plan;
- c) Decide to conclude the EMG's engagement in the Coalition in light of the completion of the EMG's mandate in this regard;
- d) Encourage relevant EMG members to play an active role in the Coalition and in the implementation of its action plan;
- e) Invite the SDS Coalition to inform the EMG at regular intervals on progress in this area of work.

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### *IV. Task Team on Marine Litter and Microplastics*

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The Senior Officials:

Agree to extend the Task Team on Marine Litter and Microplastics to:

- a) Complete the tasks outlined in its Terms of Reference and;
- b) Present the results of the mapping exercise to relevant stakeholders in fora such as the Ad Hoc Open-ended Expert Group, the UN Oceans Conference, and others.

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### *V. Consultative Process on Advancing Environmental and Social Sustainability in the United Nations System*

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The Senior Officials:

Agree to extend the Consultative Process for another year to:

- i. Finalise Phase II of development of the Strategy for Sustainability Management in the UN System 2020-2030 in close collaboration with the Issue Management Group on Environmental Sustainability Management;
- ii. Raise awareness and facilitate shared learning to support application of the Model Approach through joint webinars, communications and capacity building exercises;
- iii. Explore opportunity(ies) to apply the Model Approach in country level programming (e.g. UNSDCF process, joint programming).

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## *VI. Issue Management Group on Environmental Sustainability Management*

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The Senior Officials:

Decide to extend the Issue Management Group on Environmental Sustainability Management to:

- i. Finalize the UN environmental inventory and climate neutrality status report (the 2020 Greening the blue report) by November 2020 along with the revamped Greening the Blue website;
- ii. Continue liaising with the Task Team on Common Premises on the finalization and adoption of the new guidance "Important and Desirable Actions (IDEAs)";
- iii. Work with UN experts (e.g. UNEP-WCMC, CBD) towards the implementation of the biodiversity aspect of the UN 2020-2030 environmental sustainability strategy;
- iv. Continue to support the development of Phase II of the Sustainability Strategy in close collaboration with the Consultative Process on Environmental and Social Sustainability.

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## *VII. Environmental Management Peer Reviews of United Nations Entities*

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The Senior Officials:

- a) Take note of the ongoing process for a review and analysis of the EMG Peer Reviews;
- b) Invite the Peer Review Process, the Issue Management Group on Environmental Sustainability Management and the Consultative Process on Environmental and Social Sustainability in the UN System to consider the findings of the review as a basis for a new approach to future peer reviews in line with and in support of the UN Sustainability Strategy 2020-2030;
- c) Request the EMG Secretariat to report on progress made to the next meeting of the Senior Officials.

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## VIII. *UN System-Wide Framework of Strategies for the Environment*

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The Senior Officials:

Extend the Consultative Process to:

- i. Prepare the third edition of the SWFS Synthesis Report benefiting from a systemic approach and methodology in data collection, analysis and reporting on the environmental aspects of the SDGs by the UN System.

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## IX. *EMG Nexus Dialogues*

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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 on the implementation of the SDGs including their environmental dimensions;
- b) 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.

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## X. *Issue Management Group on Human Rights and the Environment*

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The Senior Officials:

- a) Agree to establish an Issue Management Group on Human Rights and the Environment with the purpose to integrate the human right to a healthy environment in the work of the UN ensuring a coherent, rights-based approach to environmental action throughout the UN system;
- b) Request the EMG Secretariat to facilitate the establishment of the IMG and to support its work.

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## XI. *Consultative Process on Sustainable Infrastructure*

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The Senior Officials:

- a) Agree to establish a Consultative Process on Sustainable Infrastructure to strengthen the coordination of UN-system support to Member States in this area of work;

- b) Request the EMG Secretariat to facilitate the establishment of the Consultative Process and to support its work.

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*XII. Consultative Process on COVID-19 and the Environment*

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The Senior Officials:

- a) Agree to establish a consultative process on COVID-19 and the Environment to define a coherent approach and a common narrative on environmental sustainability inclusion in measures to build back better and identify opportunities for collaboration in the UN system.