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Summary of Action Points

I. Issue Management Group on Biodiversity

Suggested Action I

The Senior Officials:

- a) Agree to extend the Issue Management Group on Biodiversity for one more year to continue facilitating a coordinated approach to the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the UN Common Approach to Biodiversity.

II. Consultative Process on a Pollution-Free Planet

Suggested Action II

The Senior Officials:

- a) Agree to continue the Core Working Group on Plastic Pollution to consider contributions by the UN system to the multistakeholder engagement process of the Intergovernmental negotiation committee (INC) on plastic pollution;
- b) Agree to extend the Consultative Process on a Pollution-Free Planet to develop a UN system-wide approach towards achieving the [Implementation Plan Towards a Pollution-Free Planet including through thematic working groups as needed.](#)

III. Consultative Process on Sustainable Infrastructure

Suggested Actions III

The Senior Officials:

- a) Decide to conclude the Consultative Process on Sustainable Infrastructure, following the delivery of its mandate.
- b) Encourage EMG members to continue to promote and support sustainable infrastructure through other existing fora such as the [Sustainable Infrastructure Partnership](#) and the G20.
- c) Continue to communicate and coordinate with the EMG on the topic of sustainable infrastructure as appropriate and/or as opportunities arise.

IV. Issue Management Group on Human Rights and the Environment

Suggested Actions IV

The Senior Officials:

- a) Take note of the work of the IMG on Human Rights and the Environment including:
 - i) The Common Narrative on Upholding the Human Right to a Healthy Environment to Address the Triple Planetary Crisis in connection with the UN Secretary General's Call to Action on Human Rights;
 - ii) The Strategy for Engagement with the Convention on Biological Diversity;
 - iii) The Strategy for Engagement with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD); and
 - iv) The public briefing note: 'Advancing a Human Rights-Based Approach to Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought: Key Messages.'
- b) Agree to extend the IMG's mandate to continue its work to promote the integration of the human right to a healthy environment into the work of the UN.

V. Consultative Process on Environmental and Social Sustainability in the United Nations

Suggested Actions V

The Senior Officials:

- a) Endorse the proposed governance structure described in document EMG.SOM28_INF_2.
- b) Agree that the EMG Secretariat and SUN Facility will continue to provide secretariat support to the implementation of the Sustainability Strategy, on an interim basis for one year, until a long-term host organization for the secretariat of the Sustainability Strategy is appointed.
- c) Decide that the Consultative Process becomes a working group under the Network of Technical Focal Points of the Sustainability Strategy and will be renamed as 'Working group on the sustainability of programmes'.
- d) Decide that the new 'Working group on the sustainability of programmes' will absorb the tasks of the 'Working group on the Model Approach'.
- e) Task the network of technical focal points to develop a knowledge hub for exchange of good practice, innovative solutions and shared learning related to the implementation of the Sustainability Strategy, and to continue information and knowledge exchange on environmental and social sustainability in programming through the Working group on the sustainability of programmes.

VI. Issue Management Group on Environmental Sustainability Management

Suggested Actions VI

The Senior Officials:

- a) Commit to accelerate the implementation of the UN Sustainability Strategy in UN management and facilities and increase internal capacity and resources for full implementation.
- b) In the context of their mandates, commit to accelerate the reduction of GHG-emissions from meetings and conferences in the UN system by:
 - i. Continuing to reduce travel by further use of virtual- and hybrid conferences in place of in person conferences and meetings;
 - ii. Reducing the number of in person participants at conferences; and
 - iii. For necessary in person meeting and events, implementation of the Greening events of the UN sustainability strategy taking advantage of existing green events tools already endorsed by the EMG.
- c) Decide that the IMG becomes a working group under the Network of Technical Focal Points of the Sustainability Strategy and will be renamed as 'Working group on environmental sustainability in the area of management'.

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

Suggested Actions VII

The Senior Officials:

- a) Agree to extend the Consultative Process to finalize the third edition of the SWFS report.
- b) In the context of the Consultative Process, consider ways to enhance the use of environmental data to better inform policymakers and close gaps in environmental data and statistics related to the SDGs.

VIII. EMG Dialogues

Suggested Actions VIII

The Senior Officials:

- a) Welcome the continuation of the EMG Dialogues as a mechanism for ongoing discussion and continued exchange of lessons learned and recommendations among UN entities and other stakeholders on the implementation of the SDGs including their environmental dimensions.
- b) Encourage UN agencies to propose emerging nexus themes for, and contribute towards, future Dialogues by sharing their experience and exchanging ideas on innovative solutions to emerging, persistent, and systemic environmental challenges.

IX. Task Team on a UN System Contribution to the Stockholm+50 International Meeting

Suggested Actions IX

The EMG Senior Officials:

- a) Take note of the EMG contribution to the Stockholm+50 international meeting.
- b) Agree to conclude the Task Team upon completion of its mandate.

X. Collaboration with the UN Sustainable Development Group and the Development Coordination Office

Suggested Action X

The EMG Senior Officials:

- a) Acknowledge the importance of collaboration between the secretariats of the EMG and the UNSDG to strengthen horizontal alignment and efficiency and UN country support in addressing the triple planetary crisis.