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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 to continue facilitating a coordinated approach to the implementation of the UN Common Approach to Biodiversity and monitor progress achieved in creating coherent and collective actions on biodiversity in the UN system, including through the preparation of the midterm report in 2024.
- b) Agree to update the Terms of Reference of the IMG and the accountability framework of the Common Approach to include references to the Global Biodiversity Framework 2020-2030, with the objective to show the contribution of UN entities supporting Member States in the implementation of the GBF.

II. Consultative Process on a Pollution-Free Planet

Suggested Action II

The Senior Officials:

- a) Endorse the “The United Nations System-common approach towards a pollution-free planet”.
- b) Agree to establish an Issue Management Group on Pollution to facilitate a coordinated approach to the implementation of the Common Approach and report on progress achieved to the next meeting of the Senior Officials.
- c) Urge UN entities to incorporate the Common Approach to Pollution in their respective frameworks, strategies and work programmes.
- d) Close the Core Working Group on Plastic Pollution upon completion of its mandate.

III. Issue Management Group on Human Rights and the Environment

Suggested Action III

The Senior Officials:

Agree to extend the Issue Management Group to continue implementing its workplan 2023-2025 to promote the integration of the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment into the work of the UN at the national, regional and global level and to ensure a coherent and rights-based approach to environmental action throughout the UN system.

IV. UN Internal Sustainability Management

Suggested Actions IV

The Senior Officials:

- a) Acknowledge the progress made in the operationalization and implementation of the UN Sustainability Strategy 2020-2030 including the establishment of its governance structure and the development and piloting of a monitoring and reporting framework.
- b) Recognize that a continuation of the coordination of and support to the implementation of the Strategy at the system-wide level requires the identification of a host organization and related resources as the scope of the Strategy goes beyond the EMG's mandate.
- c) Agree that the UNEP SUN Facility continues to provide support to the implementation and reporting of the Strategy for Environmental Sustainability in the Area of Management in the UN System 2020-2030 by hosting and facilitating the interagency Working Group on Environmental Sustainability in Management.

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

Suggested Actions V

The Senior Officials:

Agree to finalize the 3rd edition of the SWFS report as a means to enhance information sharing and promote collaboration among the EMG members on the environmental dimensions of the SDGs.

VI. EMG Dialogues

Suggested Actions VI

The Senior Officials:

Take note of the EMG Dialogues held to date and agree to seek the views of EMG members on the utility, value and future continuation of the dialogues.

VII. Strengthening synergies among Rio Conventions

Suggested Actions VII

The Senior Officials:

In light of the convening of the Conferences of the Parties of the Rio Conventions in 2024, decide to organize a dialogue series on strengthening action to address the drivers of environmental change underlying the three Conventions as well as other Conventions on pollution issues to effectively and synergistically address the planetary crisis of climate change, nature loss, desertification, drought and pollution.

VIII. Strengthening EMG effectiveness

Suggested Actions VIII

The Senior Officials:

Acknowledging the recommendations of [the Terminal Evaluation of the UN Environment Management Group \(EMG\) project implemented between 2018 and 2022](#) conducted by the UNEP Evaluation Office (2023), and the EMG Strategic Narrative 2023-2030, request the EMG Secretariat to convene a meeting of the EMG members to discuss the findings of the evaluation report and provide recommendations for increasing the effectiveness of the EMG and strengthening the ownership of its members, for approval by the Senior Officials at their 30th meeting in 2024.