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Summary of Action Points¹

I. Consultative Process on Biodiversity

The Senior Officials:

- a) Establish an EMG Issue Management Group on Biodiversity to facilitate and enable a streamlined approach and support to the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the UN Common Approach to biodiversity and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.
- b) Endorse the [ToRs](#) of the Issue Management Group prepared by the EMG Consultative Process on Biodiversity.

II. Task Team on Marine Litter and Microplastics

The Senior Officials:

- a) Endorse the EMG report “An overview of UN Activities and Initiatives related to Marine Litter and Microplastics: UN system-wide contribution to support Member States in addressing marine litter and microplastics.”
- b) Agree to present the report to relevant interagency and international *fora*, such as the UNEA 5.2 and the UN Oceans Conference.

¹ Subject to approval by the Technical Segment of the 27th EMG Senior Officials Meeting on behalf of the Senior Officials

- c) Consider the Task Team on Marine Litter and Microplastics to be a resource expert group supporting the mainstreaming of marine litter and microplastics reduction activities in relevant ongoing processes, including in follow up to the EMG report.

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

The Senior Officials:

- a) Endorse the “Strategy for Sustainability Management in the UN System 2020-2030 – Phase II: Towards leadership in environmental and social sustainability’ for submission to the CEB”.
- b) Endorse the establishment of a steering committee, composed of representatives of UN entities wishing to lead the implementation of the Strategy at programme and operations level.
- c) Agree to extend the Consultative Process for another year to guide the establishment of the steering committee for the implementation of the Strategy; guide knowledge sharing on the application of the Model Approach; and guide the piloting of the Model Approach in UN country-level programming.

IV. Issue Management Group on Environmental Sustainability Management

The Senior Officials:

- a) Commit to accelerate the implementation of the UN Sustainability Strategy in UN management and facilities.
- b) Recognize the need to integrate the UN Sustainability Strategy’s objectives into the UN Reform’s Business Operation Strategies to achieve the objectives requested by the 2020 QCPR to limit the environmental and carbon footprint of the UN.
- c) Agree to utilise the new Greening the Blue online training as a training for their personnel.

V. Consultative Process on Sustainable Infrastructure

The Senior Officials:

- a) Invite EMG Members to contribute to the outputs of the Consultative Process, including sharing of complementary sustainable infrastructure tools and case studies and adding to the live calendar of events.
- b) Endorse the second edition of the International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure.

- c) Agree to extend the Consultative Process until the 28th Senior Officials Meeting in 2022 to focus on issues surrounding implementation of the International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure.

VI. IMG on Human Rights and Environment

The Senior Officials:

- a) Take note of the work of the IMG on Human Rights and the Environment and agree to extend its mandate until the 28th Senior Officials Meeting in 2022, at which time further extension of the IMG shall be given due consideration.
- b) Take note of the engagement strategy on human rights and the environment in relation to the UNFCCC produced by the IMG.

VII. Consultative Process on Green Recovery

The Senior Officials:

- a) Endorse the EMG Report “Inclusive Green Recovery: An Essential Post-COVID-19 Paradigm Shift to Build Back Better” as a contribution to the ongoing efforts, including to the work of UNSDG Task Team on the Socio-Economic Response to COVID-19, to enhance coherence and collaboration in the UN system for green, inclusive, and rights-based recovery.
- b) Decide to conclude the Consultative Process on COVID-19 and the environment following the delivery of its mandate.

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

The Senior Officials:

- a) Encourage UN agencies to contribute to the third edition of the SWFS Report.
- b) Extend the Consultative Process to prepare the third edition of the SWFS Report.

IX. EMG Nexus Dialogues

The Senior Officials:

- a) Welcome the continuation of the Nexus Dialogue as a mechanism for ongoing discussion and continued exchange of lessons learned and recommendations among UN entities and other

stakeholders on the implementation of sustainable recovery efforts in the COVID-19 context, the 2030 Agenda, and 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 with other stakeholders.

X. New proposals for consideration of the EMG in 2021-2022

The Senior Officials²:

- a) Take note of the suggested new issues by the EMG members for consideration of the EMG in 2021-2022.
- b) Agree to work further on the following suggested issues through the EMG Nexus Dialogues:
 - Understanding the consequences of a 1.5°C temperature rise on United Nations' programming (proposed by OCHA).
 - Environmental Sustainability and Digital Transformation (proposed by UNEP).
- c) Agree to merge the following issue with the current EMG processes:
 - Proposal by FAO for IMG on the UN System Response to the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration to be merged with the EMG Issue Management Group on Biodiversity.
- c) Agree to establish a Consultative Process on Pollution-Free Planet to strengthen the coordination of UN-system support to Member States in this area of work (proposed by UNEP).
- d) Agree to establish a Task Team of UN agencies to prepare a UN system-wide report as a contribution from the EMG to the Stockholm+50 International Meeting. Encourage EMG members to contribute to the EMG report by providing inputs to the report and participating in the nexus dialogues and interviews.

² To be finalized upon the results of the Senior Segment of the 27th SOM.