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Summary of Action Points

I. Issue Management Group on Biodiversity

Suggested Action

The Senior Officials:

- a) Agree to extend the Issue Management Group on Biodiversity to continue its work to promote coordinated implementation of the UN Common Approach to Biodiversity, including by raising awareness and creating tailored guidance for regional and country-level application in partnership with relevant UN entities and groups.

II. Issue Management Group on Pollution

Suggested Action

The Senior Officials:

- a) Agree to extend the Issue Management Group on Pollution to support the operationalization, raise awareness, and monitor progress on the UN Common Approach to Pollution.

III. Issue Management Group on Human Rights and the Environment

Suggested Action**Suggested Action**

The Senior Officials:

Agree to extend the Issue Management Group on Human Rights and Environment to:

- a. Launch consultations across the UN system to gauge interest in and potential pathways toward a common approach for the implementation of the Human Right to a Healthy Environment;
- b. Subject to support among UN entities, proceed with the development of a common approach;
- c. Complete ongoing tasks identified in the workplan 2023-2025;
- d. Conduct a review of the IMG's mandate and role after the completion of the current workstreams to evaluate the possible continuation of its functions inside or outside of the EMG.

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

Suggested Action

The Senior Officials:

- a) Request the EMG Secretariat to further enhance and refine the SWFS dashboard visualizing information environmental efforts in the UN system.

V. Issue Management Group on Urbanization and the Environment

Suggested Action

The Senior Officials:

- a) Agree to establish an Issue Management Group on Urbanization and the Environment to facilitate a coordinated approach to the implementation of the UN System-Wide Strategy on Sustainable Urban Development.

VI. Issue Management Group on Gender and the Environment

Suggested Action

The Senior Officials:

- a) Agree to establish an Issue Management Group on Gender and the Environment to strengthen a coherent, gender-responsive and women's rights-based approach to environmental action throughout the UN system.