

Office of the Permanent Representative of
the Syrian Arab Republic to the United
Nations Office in
Nairobi
(Dar es Slaam)



مكتب المندوب الدائم للجمهورية العربية
السورية لدى مكتب الأمم المتحدة في
نيروبي
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The Office of the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic presents its compliments to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi, and with reference to its letter dated: 06/11/2017 conveying the Draft Ministerial Declaration of the 2017 UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 3), from the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly Dr. Edgar Gutierrez-Espeleta, has the honor to kindly request an amendment (in bold letters) to paragraph 5 so that it read as follows:

5- We are concerned by the legacy of damage and pollution that armed conflict, **terrorism and unilateral coercive measures** cause to the environment, often delaying recovery, **undermining the achievement of sustainable development** and threatening the health of people and ecosystems.

The Office of the Permanent Representative recalls that this amendment has been repeatedly conveyed to the Secretariat and it would like to see its actual reflection in the text taking into consideration that it is of general nature and utmost importance on a global scale.

The Office of the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi the assurances of its highest considerations.



United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi