HIGH COMMISSION FOR PAKISTAN NAIROBI

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi and with reference to former's Note Verbale of even number dated 23 November 2018 has the honour to forward revised comments on the draft Ministerial Declaration of the 2019 UN Environment Assembly titled "Innovative solutions for environment challenges and sustainable consumption and production", as follow.

- 1) It is important to make the text a political declaration and to avoid technicalities.
- 2) The document should be comprehensible for the average citizen.
- 3) Document should be concise, with clear messaging.

With reference to Main Priority-1 subpara (a) the Mission wishes to underline the importance of clarity as to which "relevant UN bodies" would be involved. Secondly, what would be the composition of proposed international "High Level Multi-sectoral Task Force" and what would be the source of funding. In regard to data collection how are we going to cater for allied security concerns?

With regard to Main Priority-1 subpara (e), can UNEA empower the disclosure of consumer information?

With reference to Main Priority-1 subpara (f), what would be the source of funding for the dedicated programme for building the global environmental data management capacity to be established by the Executive Director UNEP?

With regard to Main Priority-2, we would need to ensure that UNEA does not encroach upon the domain(s) of other UN entities.

With regard to Main Priority-3 we need to ensure that the input of Civil Society representatives is received well ahead of UNEP/UNEA meetings to ensure that it is factored into deliberations of the Member States.

This High Commission's earlier Note of even number dated 23 November 2018 may be treated as cancelled.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Secretariat of the

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Nairobi

Atten: Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Secretary of Governing Bodies.