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4/3. Sustainable mobility

The United Nations Environment Assembly,

Recalling the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol thereto and its Doha Amendment, and the Paris Agreement¹ adopted thereunder, and noting the outcomes of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, held in Katowice, Poland, from 2 to 14 December 2018,

Recalling also World Health Assembly resolution 68.8 on health and the environment: addressing the health impact of air pollution,

Recognizing that air pollution reduction measures can support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² and have a strong impact on improving quality of life, in particular human health,

Expressing appreciation and gratitude to the International Panel on Climate Change and the scientific community for producing the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C,³ and welcoming its timely completion,

Considering that sustainable mobility, including electric mobility, sustainable biofuels, active mobility (walking and cycling), public transport, shared mobility, low-emission and efficient fuels, efficient combustion engines, hydrogen and e-fuels, and compressed liquid natural gas, is a strategy for improving air quality and human health, particularly in urban settings and also in other settings,

Recognizing the work already done by a wide range of public–private initiatives on sustainable mobility,

Recognizing also the role played by innovation in advancing sustainable mobility,

Considering that actions to move towards sustainable mobility have the potential to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, especially black carbon, which would have an effect on short-term atmospheric warming, reduce air pollution and improve human health,

Taking into account the relevance to sustainable mobility of resolutions adopted by it, including resolution 1/7 on strengthening the role of the United Nations Environment Programme in

¹ See FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21, annex.

² General Assembly resolution 70/1.

³ Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>.

promoting air quality, resolution 2/8 on sustainable consumption and production, and resolution 3/8 on preventing and reducing air pollution to improve air quality globally,

Recognizing the need to increase efforts to advance sustainable mobility while taking into account national circumstances,

Acknowledging the importance of collaboration among Member States, including with other stakeholders, on sustainable mobility initiatives at the local, national, regional and global levels,

1. *Encourages* Member States to consider formulating national public policy instruments relating to innovation in sustainable mobility, taking into consideration differing national circumstances;

2. *Calls upon* Member States and relevant stakeholders to promote the exchange of knowledge, good practices, lessons learned and opportunities associated with sustainable mobility;

3. *Encourages* Member States, in collaboration with other stakeholders, to identify, as appropriate, innovative policy, financial and technological solutions for promoting sustainable mobility by taking actions, including the following:

(a) *Contributing* technical and financial support towards the implementation of national and regional initiatives to promote sustainable mobility;

(b) *Continuing* efforts to strengthen regional and international dialogue and cooperation, technical assistance, voluntary technology and knowledge transfer on mutually agreed terms, and to build capacity for the promotion of sustainable mobility;

(c) *Engaging* collaboration between public- and private-sector interests, as well as public-private partnerships, with the aim of aligning action for the promotion of sustainable mobility by building on existing partnerships;

(d) *Moving* towards sustainable consumption and production by promoting a comprehensive sustainable cities approach with regard to sustainable mobility, involving, where appropriate, a full-life-cycle assessment;

(e) *Considering* mainstreaming sustainable mobility strategies, policies and regulations on the basis of a full-life-cycle assessment of each sustainable mobility option;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, within the scope of the mandate, programme of work and available resources of the Programme, to promote sustainable mobility by:

(a) *Working*, through existing partnerships and other means of cooperation, with other relevant organizations, including regional platforms, to facilitate capacity-building and exchange of knowledge and information for the public and private sectors, civil society, users and academia, among others, for the promotion of sustainable mobility;

(b) *Reporting* on good practices relating to the development, financing and implementation of national and regional sustainable mobility policies and initiatives;

(c) *Encouraging* pilot projects in countries and cities;

(d) *Exploring* opportunities to collaborate with other United Nations organizations and international financial institutions, in line with their mandates and budgets;

(e) *Exploring* synergies and opportunities in areas such as public health, job creation and economic growth in relation to sustainable mobility;

(f) *Preparing* a report on actions undertaken within the scope of the present resolution for submission to the Environment Assembly at its sixth session.