

Madam chair
Excellencies
Distinguished delegates

My delegation take note on the document ESCAP/CED/2022/2 noting the facts reported about plastic pollution in the region as well as the GHG emissions. We emphasize Asia and the Pacific group should commit for any commitment towards transboundary nature.

Sri Lanka endorses the terms of reference as highlighted in document ESCAP/CED/2022/3 and wish to engage further with the member states.

Sri Lanka, applies whole of government approach to address Triple planetary crisis. Our key international commitments are updated NDC target of 70% of power generation from renewable resources by 2030, carbon neutrality by 2050, and No–new-coal plant construction. We demonstrated our leadership on pollution crisis by proposing the adopted UNEA 5/2 resolution on sustainable nitrogen management. We look forward the AP members will adopt best National action plans to reduce nitrogen pollution significantly.

As a highly climate vulnerable country, we call for a regional call requesting to redouble disbursement of resources for climate action and build regional enabling environment to achieve New Collective Quantified Goals and build the Loss and damage fund stronger. We also wish the region will soon endorse a regional plan on Transboundary air pollution and biodiversity loss.

Thank you chair.