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Statement

of the High-Level Event of Education and Environment Ministers on the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development and its Action Plan towards 2030

We, Ministers of Education and Environment and high officials of the Mediterranean countries, **convening** on the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus at the 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, together with Intergovernmental Organisations active in the region and colleagues and stakeholders from Europe and the Middle-East,

- **confirm** our commitment to promote Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) at all levels of education and in all its forms, formal, non-formal and informal, as a most safe tool and effective investment for the development and the promotion of sustainable development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- **adopt** the revised Action Plan towards 2030 of the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development (MSESD) and, within our mandate, we will work for its implementation, while for countries and stakeholders outside the Mediterranean we consider this document as a valuable reflection of good practices, source of inspiration and motivation for cooperation and synergies;
- **consider** enhanced collaboration on ESD as an appropriate arena for the promotion of understanding and peace in our wider region and as a powerful enabler of the needed change of mindsets and worldviews for ensuring that the development in the region is truly sustainable and firmly founded on all its dimensions: economy, society and environment;
- **reaffirm** that we will strengthen the cooperation and exchange of good practices through meetings, with physical and remote presence, on an annual basis, as well as establish the platform of political communication in the Mediterranean through High Level Events for the Mediterranean ESD Action Plan 2030, every two years;
- **invite** the Mediterranean Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (MCESD) and its Secretariat to continue their efforts, including in raising the necessary resources, for the promotion of the MSESD and the implementation of its Action Plan towards 2030, with emphasis on training the trainers;
- **thank** the Republic and people of Cyprus for their generous hospitality and look forward to the next High-Level Event on the MSESD in 2024.