

(Draft) JOINT DECLARATION

by

**Managing Director, Directorate of Environment and Energy,
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and

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WHEREAS the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as a specialized agency of the United Nations, has the primary responsibility in promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the developing countries and in countries with economies in transition;

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment of Japan is the ministry of the government of Japan which is responsible for promoting and planning environmental conservation, implementing the environmental policies of the national government while taking initiatives in developing solutions to various global-scale environmental problems and presenting a vision for a sustainable society towards the future;

NOW THEREFORE the Managing Director, Directorate of Environment and Energy of UNIDO and the Director-General, Global Environment Bureau of the Ministry of the Environment of Japan declare:

1. Their intention to facilitate close cooperation between UNIDO and the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, in collaboration with multi-stakeholders, with the objective of serving their common interests in advancing the goals and targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through their cooperation.

2. Their intention, in the context of serving the above mentioned common interests, to promote cooperation between UNIDO and the Ministry of the Environment of Japan in the following areas:

- Climate change and the Paris Agreement, including the long-term low green house gas emission development strategies, under the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
- Circular economy, including green products, sound waste management and marine plastic litter reduction;
- Fluorocarbons life cycle management and the Montreal Protocol;

- Reduction of industrial pollution, elimination and reduction of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and the Stockholm Convention;
- Life cycle management of mercury and the Minamata Convention on Mercury;
- Any additional areas that may subsequently be regarded as mutually beneficial by UNIDO and the Ministry of the Environment of Japan.

3. Their intention to facilitate participation at meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences, sharing of experience, information, knowledge, expertise and best practices in the fields of cooperation mentioned above between UNIDO and the Ministry of the Environment of Japan.

4. Their intention to review the progress achieved in cooperation between UNIDO and the Ministry of the Environment of Japan on a regular basis, as appropriate, following the signing of this Joint Declaration and to decide then on any further measures that may be desirable to enhance that cooperation.

The signatories acknowledge that the present Joint Declaration is not to be construed as a binding document and does not give rise to any form of fiduciary or legal obligation or financial commitments. Any activities that may be conducted under this Joint Declaration are subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient staff, funds, and other resources and may require the execution of one or more legally binding instruments, which will be separately negotiated and agreed to between UNIDO and the Ministry of the Environment of Japan.

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