BELEM JOINT STATEMENT ON THE RIO CONVENTIONS

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Belem Joint Statement on the Rio Conventions

Preamble:

1. *Recognizing* the interconnected nature of the urgent challenges of climate change, land degradation, drought, and biodiversity loss, and how siloed efforts to address each will severely impede the capacity to achieve sustainable development and realize the interrelated goals of the three Rio Conventions;
2. *Affirming* the imperative of integrating coherent policies, complementarity and synergistic approaches towards implementing the targets of the Paris Agreement, Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and Land Degradation Neutrality under the UNCCD 2018-2030 Strategic Framework;
3. Acknowledging the existing gap between the resources that are available and the resources that are required to meet the goals of the Rio Conventions, and recognizing that the adoption of synergistic approaches must not result in the reduction of means of implementation available for the implementation of each of the Rio Conventions
4. *Recognizing* the value of mobilizing voluntary actions of Parties and non-state actors, including partnerships and cooperative initiatives, that help mainstream targets and accelerate implementation, in a complementary way to the commitments made by Parties under the Rio Conventions and in line with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities as affirmed in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development;
5. *Welcoming* previous initiatives by past and current Presidencies of the Rio Conventions to promote integrated climate, biodiversity and land action, including the Joint Statement of the Presidents of UNFCCC COP27, CBD COP15 and UNCCD COP15; the COP28 Joint Statement on Climate, Nature and People; and the Rio Trio Declaration of UNFCCC COP29, CBD COP16 and UNCCD COP16 Presidencies;
6. *Welcoming* the efforts by past and current Rio Conventions Presidencies of the Rio Conventions and champions to help establish, promote and advance the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, Sharm El Sheikh to Kunming and Montreal Action Agenda for Nature and People, and Riyadh Declaration and Action Agenda, which share a common interest in accelerating implementation of the conventions objectives through mobilizing whole-of-society action;
7. *Seizing* the opportunity at UNFCCC COP30 – held at the heart of the Amazon in Belem – to build upon the legacy and evoke the spirit of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit by mobilizing joint ambition across the three Rio Conventions;

The Presidencies of UNFCCC COP30, CBD COP16, CBD COP17, UNCCD COP16 and UNCCD COP17 seek to:

1. *Promote* dialogue, collaboration and coordination of efforts amongst respective efforts to mobilize non-state actor action under the Rio Conventions, including through:

a. *Identifying* areas and opportunities of alignment among current and future initiatives and efforts, as identified under respective transparency platforms of the Rio Conventions, that can collectively accelerate the synergistic delivery of the goals of the Rio Conventions;

b. *Promoting* synergies in the implementation of the Rio Conventions by leveraging relevant current and future initiatives, including campaigns, collective sectoral targets, dedicated plans to accelerate action, and relevant geographical or constituency-focused initiatives;

c. *Encouraging* interoperability of reporting platforms of voluntary initiatives to ensure coherence, transparency and efficiency;

d. *Collaborating* on Presidency-led high-level events, campaigns and initiatives, aligning in advance of respective COPs including in the triple COP year of 2026;

2. *Invite* the respective secretariats of the Rio Conventions, successive Presidencies of the Rio Conventions, and non-state actors, including relevant existing and future voluntary initiatives, coalitions and organizations, to coordinate efforts and assist in the implementation of these commitments;

3. *Encourage* the development of a workplan of collaboration among the current and incoming Presidencies of the Rio Conventions in early 2026 for the implementation of the areas identified in this statement.

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