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Dear Excellencies, dear Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have reached the concluding part of the Stockholm+50 journey. From the co-presidents, let us take this opportunity to emphasize the richness of the debate, the variety of voices and the bold messages that have emerged and that we have heard these two last days. This demonstrates a genuine wish to live up to the potential of this meeting and build a future for our children and grandchildren on this, our only, planet.

When we set out the plans for this meeting, we talked about four opportunities:

- 1) rebuilding trust for strengthened cooperation and solidarity
- 2) accelerating system-wide actions to recover and build forward from the pandemic
- 3) connecting and building bridges across agendas

and finally, to rethink conceptions and measures of progress and well-being, providing a new compass of collective welfare.

This clearly shows that we didn't just come here to commemorate, but to build forward, based on the steps taken since 1972 and the lessons we have learned. We came with open eyes, fully aware of present challenges and

crises, willing to accelerate implementation of our joint commitments and transform our societies.

We also mustn't forget the preparatory process: the informal working groups, the global regional and national consultations that have taken place. The preparatory meeting in New York. All this has led us forward and informed our work.

These last two days, we have joined together around solutions to the triple planetary crises and the 2030 Agenda. We have shown their interconnectedness, and the opportunities that arise when we take a holistic approach and accelerate – for both people and planet. We understand the urgency: accelerating is our only alternative. As Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson said: we need to do this not because we are kind, but because we are smart. And because this is our only chance to set in motion the transformative change needed for the future of the children of today and of coming generations.

The power of global cooperation, of multilateralism, is an important engine of this transformation. Believing in, and investing in the multilateral system means believing in a better world – a world that we build together. This was shown at UNEA 5.2 and UNEP@50 celebrations, and it definitely has been shown over the last few days.

The other engine of our transformation is inclusion: it is when we join hands that we can really make a difference. Youth, women, indigenous people and other stakeholder groups are crucial for our success. In this context let me especially highlight the policy paper of the Stockholm+50 Youth Task Force. Tomorrow's leaders must not only have a voice, but also be listened to when decisions are made affecting tomorrow's world.

There are several conclusions to be made from these two days. Let us name a few:

- Business as usual is no longer an option. We need to rethink and redefine how we measure economic success and growth. We need to align all financial flows, public and private, national and international with the MEAs and the 2030 Agenda. We need to mobilize and scale up financing.
- We need to work to implement the politically recognized right to a clean healthy and sustainable environment.

- We cannot meet the triple crisis or meet the SDGs alone. The multilateral system is key to our success; and we must work together. Rebuilding trust and solidarity is key.

And there are many other conclusions. As we conclude the formal part of this meeting, we will take up on recommendations and make them realities. Our work will continue at home, since national implementation is key to our success. It will also continue in a multilateral setting, because there is still work to be done: among others to reach a decision on a new Global Biodiversity Framework, to negotiate and adopt a convention on plastic pollution and to advance our climate commitments.

We believe that we have – collectively – mobilized and used the potential of this meeting. We now have a blueprint of acceleration to take further. Stockholm+50 has been a milestone on our pathway towards a healthy planet for all, leaving no-one behind.

With that, we thank you all, my co-president, the leadership dialogues co-chairs, Heads of State and Governments, Ministers, all hard working staff, everyone else, interpreters etc.

We still only have one earth, let us realise the opportunity for a healthy planet for the prosperity of all. It our responsibility it's our opportunity.

With that, we close this meeting.