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Speech by Ambassador of India to Japan Mr. Sibi George at the event  
marking the World Environment Day 2023

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Good Morning Everybody,

We are here to mark the World Environment Day 2023. This is a day of reflection, awareness, and action—an opportunity for all of us to come together and acknowledge the significance of our environment. As the world tackles with the challenge of Climate change, it is essential that we take stock of our actions and consider the impact we are having on our planet.

Prime Minister Modi launched the LiFE Mission in 2022 with a clear goal to create an India-led global mass movement that will nudge individual and collective action to protect and preserve the environment. Restoring our Earth begins with individual actions. Each step we take, no matter how small, matters. We can start by reducing our carbon footprint—opting for public transportation, carpooling, or even walking or cycling whenever possible. We can adopt energy-efficient practices, such as using renewable energy sources and conserving electricity and water. And let us not forget the power of recycling and waste management, which can significantly reduce the strain on our ecosystems.

Let us seize this opportunity to make changes to our lifestyles to make them more sustainable and environment conscious. We can begin at the Embassy by taking small steps towards sustainability. To be more judicious while using resources such as paper and electricity, to avoid usage of single use plastics, to recycle and reuse resources and the use of public transport and car-pooling are some ideas that can be

implemented immediately without any significant costs. We can also look at using energy efficient systems, rechargeable batteries and renewable energy driven equipment for our Embassy and residences in the medium term.

On this World Environment Day 2023, let us pledge to be guardians of our Earth, to make conscious choices that benefit our environment, and to hold ourselves accountable for the impact we have on our planet. Remember, it is not about what we can do individually; it is about what we can achieve together.

Thank you.

Now, I will be reading out the pledge. Please repeat after me.

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