West Asian Environmental Organizations Demand that Israel is Brought to International Courts
We, the environmental organizations accredited by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in West Asia, condemn the crimes perpetrated by Israel in Palestine, particularly on the besieged Gaza, where life essentials are barred, including food, water, medicine, medical supplies, and fuel.
We affirm the right of the Palestinian people to defend themselves and liberate their land from occupation by all available means sanctioned by international laws.
The mass killing of children cannot be justified as self-defense; instead, it represents a continuation of an apartheid regime aimed at annihilating everything in its path. This includes the uprooting of trees, the bulldozing and burning of land, the contamination of water sources, and the deliberate targeting of religious sites and sanctuaries, such as churches, mosques, schools, and hospitals. These actions flagrantly violate international law.
We further condemn the global silence surrounding the Israeli crimes in Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria. Additionally, we condemn the financial and military support provided by certain Western governments. This support encourages the occupier to inflict harm on more children in Gaza with impunity.
As environmental organizations accredited to UNEP in West Asia, we hereby urge and call upon the international community to take action on the following:
1- Demand an immediate cessation of the brutal bombardment and massacres, the prompt lifting of the land, sea, and air blockade on Gaza, and the unrestricted entry of water, food, fuel, and humanitarian aid.
2- Deploy fact-finding missions to investigate Israel’s human rights, agricultural, and health violations (including the utilization of internationally prohibited chemical weapons), and bring those responsible to international courts. Exert pressure on nations supporting the war to uphold their extra-territorial obligations and hold them accountable for their crimes.
3- We also demand compensation for the losses caused by the Israeli aggression on Palestine and Southern Lebanon, including the destruction and burning of agricultural lands using internationally prohibited weapons such as white phosphorus.