

In view of the on-going discussions in UNEP CPR Sub-Committee concerning the theme of the 3rd Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-3), the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey has been instructed to convey the following position:

“Turkey supports the proposed theme No.2 entitled “***Planet 2.0: preparing the planet for 9 billion people***”, because this theme essentially covers the other two proposed themes.

The world population is expected to reach 9 billion by the year 2050, according to UN forecasts. Population increase, unless well-managed, will bring along an increase in the levels of pollution (***Proposed theme 1: Pollution free planet: delivering a deal to detoxify the world***), and also endanger harmony of the planet (***Proposed theme 3: #NatureForAll: how to create harmony for people and the planet***). Therefore, by adopting proposed theme no.2 entitled “Planet 2.0: preparing the planet for 9 billion people”, UNEA-3 will have the opportunity to inherently address the other two proposed themes.

In addition, proposed theme No.2 will support and enhance the debate concerning other UN activities in the field of environment, as well as international agreements in force and/or open for signature.”

The Permanent Mission requests that the views submitted above of Turkey be included in the relevant online platform for the information of the other member states.

Please kindly acknowledge receipt.

Regards,

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey

