

Statement made by Major Group Science and Technology on 24 June 2014 at the COW of UNEA under agenda item 7 Budget and Programme of Work for 2016-2017

Thank you. Chair. I have a very short intervention.

Mohamed Abdel Raouf from the Gulf Research Center and I am Representing the Scientific and Technological Community Major Group. This intervention is also supported by the Women MG.

We fully support the proposed increase of UNEP's budget for the biennium 2016-2017 coming from the Environment Fund from the current biennium's US\$245 million to US\$285 million, representing an overall increase of around 16% across the 7 sub-programmes under the Programme of Work. The increased budget should be allocated to the delivery of UNEP's core functions such as ensuring science-policy interface that includes a dynamic dialogue between modern science and traditional knowledge systems, and more support for ensuring effective and active participation of Major Groups and Stakeholders in UNEP deliberations and decision-making processes, both at the global and regional levels.

Thank You