

**EU/MS comments on
Review of implementation of the Disasters and Conflicts Subprogramme
UNEP CPR ASC-4**

Background:

Deep dive presentation on disasters and conflicts (see website ASC-4).

Comments:

- EU/MS support the subprogramme and acknowledge the increased importance of developing preventive measures and adequate responses the environment dimension of disasters and conflicts worldwide and the role UNEP plays in this
- We thank UNEP for its detailed information provided, including on its cooperation with other agencies and private partnerships. UNEP has established a wide network of partnerships with UN bodies and other institutions, for instance via the Environmental Co-operation for Peacebuilding Programme. Encourage UNEP to continue harnessing this network and develop it further
- We remind of the importance of the use of gender-sensitive approaches to natural resource management, which is necessary in order to prevent conflicts and achieve more lasting and sustainable peacebuilding outcomes.
- We note that the A2R initiative could create opportunities to engage more with the private sector but it is still a relatively young initiative: can UNEP indicate what the concrete results are so far?
- EU/MS further thank UNEP for its information on challenges and opportunities and ask them to clarify on how they intend to respond in future work