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**Statement**  
**Visit of the Secretary General of United Nations to the CPR**

Excellency,

It is my honor and privilege to greet you at the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UNEP.

Allow me to briefly present what we actually do here. This particular week we, together with permanent Representatives, delegates from capitals and major Groups and Stakeholders, are reviewing the performance of the program of work and budget of the UN Environment Program. And we are really pleased to report that you have an organization which performs exceptionally, continuously renewing itself to respond the daily scientific developments and environmental challenges of our world.

On the other hand, we are preparing the successful 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Environment Assembly to be held in December this year. As you are aware UNEA became universal a few years ago and is the highest global authority in implementing the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda of sustainable development. This particular Assembly is critical as the theme is pollution. We are aiming to offer global actionable outcomes and pragmatic solutions to clean the planet.

And we request your continuous support to strengthen the Assembly as the heart of global environmental governance and to strengthen UNEP as critical organization for the health of our Planet.

As head of United nations, your presence and commitment is invaluable to promote the importance and visibility of the Environment Assembly and to the cause of combating pollution.

On behalf of all MS of the Assembly would be happy to have you open our 2017 Environment Assembly.

And we also have a gift for you – the Nairobi spirit to take with you to New York as principles; we created a working environment which is guided by transparency, inclusiveness and consensus. Pretty much we succeeded till now.

We look forward welcoming you in Nairobi in December.

Allow me to offer you the floor to address the Committee.

*Julia Pataki*  
*Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Romania to UNEP*  
*Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representative of UNEP*

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