

Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the UNEP

(Nairobi, Tuesday 24th March 2020)

Agenda item 2: Contribution to the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Comments by The Democratic Republic of the CONGO

As a Member State, the D.R.Congo appreciates the background document submitted by UNEP Secretariat to Members States on the request of the UN Environment Assembly inputs to the July 2020 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, under the theme: “Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.”

The ECOSOC President has asked intergovernmental bodies, in particular the UNEA, to specify actions points that HLPF could address in its Ministerial Declaration.

This background document, as we have all noticed, has been divided into three parts: Part 1 on “Key policies and measures...” has touched on points a), b) and c); Part 2 on Contribution of the UNEA and Part 3 on selected recommendations for possible use in drafting the HLPF Ministerial Declaration.

In light of the theme of the upcoming session of the HLPF, discussions and negotiations between Members States and Stakeholders will focus on actions that have been taken or that will be taken with Partners (SDG 17), in order to achieve social, economic and environmental dimensions of the sustainable development targets. This comment remark is covered in the 11 points outlined in Part 2 (paragraph 5). But, on the other hand, we have noticed that none of the Part of the background document has touched on the challenges that some Members States are still facing with regard to achievement of some SDG targets. Hence the question: How to accelerate action in order to deliver for sustainable development while some Members States “are left behind”? (SDG1).

In light of paragraph 11 of the General Assembly Resolution 67/290 of 09 July 2013 on: “Format and organization aspects of the HLPF on SD”, the meetings of the Forum shall devote adequate time to the discussion of the sustainable development challenges that developing countries are facing, (...)” Therefore, in light of the format of the HLPF, we believe that UNEA inputs to the HLPF should touch also on (or should highlight) the challenges that are preventing some Member States to take action in order to move towards achievement of SDG targets.

Furthermore, **in Part 1 c) Address the lack of adequate resources, ...** We would like to suggest the following language: “***Internally Displaced People***” instead of “attendant displacement”.