

KENYA STATEMENT

THE FIRST INFORMAL SUBSTANTIVE CONSULTATION MEETING ON THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 73/333 ON: “FOLLOW-UP TO THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 72/277”

Co -facilitators

Excellencies

Distinguished delegates

First, we would like to thank the co-facilitators and the UNEP secretariat for facilitating the preparations towards this consultation. We would like to align ourselves with the statement made by the representative of the State of Palestine on behalf of the G77 and China.

We acknowledge the guiding questions on the implementation of the UNGA resolution 73/333 and note that while the questions are not exhaustive, they provide a good basis to start discussions on how to implement the resolution.

We note that the resolution if fully implemented, will lead to major transformation in environmental governance as well as means of implementing the existing environmental obligations towards achieving the SDGs.

Given that discussions on commemoration of 50 years since the establishment of UNEP are ongoing, we note that the resolution 73/333 under the recommendation ‘further work’ has mandated UNEA 5 to prepare a political declaration in the context of the commemoration of the creation of UNEP. This declaration should therefore be adopted at the event that will commemorate 50 years of UNEP. We also note that the outcome of the consultation process will provide building blocks for the aforementioned political declaration.

We are also pleased that the resolution has as one of its objectives, ‘to support the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”, including paragraphs 88 and 89 thereof’. We have confidence that the outcome of these discussions will lead to a more strengthened UNEP by guiding the implementation of para 88 of the outcome document in its entirety.

Thank you for your kind attention.