

## **Intervention by Malawi during informal consultations under general assembly resolution 73/333 of 30 august 2019**

I thank you Co-facilitators for this opportunity to intervene and take this opportunity to congratulate you and your counterpart from Estonia for being appointed to lead this process. We wish you all the best and pledge our support to your leadership of the process. We also thank the Deputy Executive Director and her team for their work.

Madam Co-facilitator, in my delegation's view, the political declaration which we are preparing is an excellent opportunity for the UN and its membership to rise up to the occasion and ensure that climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution amongst a few environmental challenges are mitigated.

We note with appreciation, the co-facilitators paper where we are urged to go forward in view of the political declaration by considering three thematic areas namely governance strengthening, means of implementation and environment rule of law. But we would like to reiterate that this is a political document which is non-binding in nature and meant to be a clarion call.

We have taken note of the discussion going on regarding where the political declaration will be adopted. Our view is that nowhere in the resolution 73/333 under objectives guiding recommendations and the recommendations themselves, are we called upon to be discussing where the declaration will be adopted. It is not a mandate under the process. It should not be sneaked in. Our view is that such discussions only serve to derail as from our mandate clearly stated under UNGA 73/333.

having said that, my delegation would like to reiterate and recall our position that Nairobi remains and should be the focus and focal point regarding global environmental issues. The United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA), which meets in Nairobi, in our view, remains the custodian of environmental issues assisted by the Committee of Permanent

Representatives (CPR). We would like to recall the spirited defence which is shown when it comes to matters regarding MEAs independence, autonomy and mandate. We wish to apply the same fortitude of necessity regarding the centrality of Nairobi in environmental matters.

In conclusion I thank you for the opportunity to speak and repeat our congratulations and best wishes in your work.

**Report of the Executive Director on financial, budgetary and administrative matters of UN Habitat**

1. What are the items or areas that Malawi ought to consider with attention in its oversight role as a Board member?
2. According to the report, what is the state of affairs of UN Habitat, financially?
3. What are the items/aspects of the report that Malawi can point in order to inform on the next budget?
4. What is the relation of the report to an/the audit report of the same period?
5. Any other matter of interest?