

**GROUP 3: ENVIRONMENTAL RULE OF LAW - RECOMMENDATIONS 8, 14 & 17**

**Intervention:**

***Co-chairs, distinguished delegates good afternoon,***

***Kenya would like to make the following remarks;***

***Regarding UNEP's assistance to Member states on implementation of international environmental law, technical expertise from the UNEP secretariat to the member states would enhance the understanding and application of the principles of environmental law. We acknowledge the role that UNEP is already playing to support national legal systems while calling for continuous engagement with the current programmes by Member State.***

***We fully support the Montevideo programme as an important tool to advance international environmental law and urge member States to support and provide requisite resources for the implementation of this Programme.***

***In promoting quality information and data exchange, improving education, capacity-building and technical assistance, UNEP is already playing an important role in supporting national legal systems. It is important to have continuous engagement within the current programmes by Member States and to enhance development of more tailor-made programmes in response to requests of Member States.***

***On the ongoing work at the International Law Commission on general principles of law, Member States should be encouraged to nurture their scientific and legal expertise by nominating experts, particularly those in public institutions of learning, to actively engage in the work of the International Law Commission. The participation of experts from across the world will enrich perspectives and approaches to better environmental governance.***