

Thank you chair;

Good afternoon to you Mr. Chair, Madam Ed, Excellences', distinguished colleagues

At the outset let me express my appreciation to the ED and the secretariat for the report and convening this meeting although it is very difficult to hear speakers properly due to technical challenges.

Let me to start by borrowing from the Medium Term Strategy:

“UNEP will lead the United Nations system and support Member States in achieving policy coherence for delivering environmental goals and commitments. **As** host to 15 global and regional multilateral environmental agreements, **as** implementing agency for multilateral environmental agreement relevant financial mechanisms, such as the Global Environment Facility or the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (through UNEP’s OzonAction Programme), **and as** Chair of the UN Environment Management Group, **and as** custodian of 26 Sustainable Development Goal indicators, UNEP is well placed to promote cooperation and coherence in the United Nations, across the global environment agenda”.

Having read that, I would like to raise the following;

The core mandate of UNEP is coordination, normative and environment outlook. We as member state would like to see UNEP do more on these core mandates. We prefer to see UNEP play its role rather than focus on secondary issues, while the main mandate such as normative and global rules needs to be followed properly. Rio+20 has assigned UNEP with many duties, most of them yet to be done.

1. In regard to the financial mechanisms which are the key tools of implementation of environmental commitments at national and regional levels to provide the equal access for all member states. UNEP in line with normative and global role has a duty to ensure the accessibility of member states and avoid any politicization in this regard.
2. As rightly mentioned by previous speakers regarding the matter of transparency on some issues such as environment defenders

clarification is needed to be provided to all member states since it is related directly to their sovereignty.

3. As it repeatedly reaffirms in key documents, UNEP has a leading role in global environmental matters and we recognize this central role of UNEP and Nairobi in any upcoming events.

Thank you Mr. Chair