

Mr. Chair,

While I associate myself with the position of G-77 and China raised in the first informal consultation on 73/333, in regards to the summary of the first informal consultation on implementation of res. 73/333:

I would like to convey my appreciation to the co-facilitators for the great efforts they have done and wish them success in the process.

As I mentioned in my previous remarks, we believe that UNEP should play the central role in environmental matters.

Regarding the future events, I have to express my worries on the way of holding events remotely, I have to tell you that I couldn't hear even one of the speaker completely. If we are going to negotiate, with the current technology we will be faced with the current text which needs to be more balanced.

As you know, we were all engaged in the rounds of negotiations to find a productive solution on how to celebrate the 50th anniversary of UNEP creation in line with the complete/absolute implementation of the res. 73/333.

On this matter and considering the affirmation by resolution 73/333, UNEP should prepare a political declaration at its fifth session, in February 2021. Accordingly, in the first informal consultation, many member states repeatedly stated that under a leading role of UNEP and centrality of Nairobi we could launch the first attempt toward the global environmental governance. However, the summary addressed this issue unbalanced which is not a reflection of what member states have already discussed. Which I believe it is more due to holding meetings remotely.