



Statement from the Children and Youth Major Group Resumed 160th Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 12th January 2023

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Agenda Item 5: Report of the Executive Director.

Thank you, chair !

Excellencies, Distinguished Colleagues, I'm Alphonse from Kenya talking on behalf of the children and youth major group. The children and youth constituency appreciates the cooperation that has been with the outgoing members of CPR and wishes to cordially work with the incoming members in the spirit of strengthening the multilateral system to arrest the 3 planetary crisis. I therefore wish to share our Inputs on the ED's Quarterly Report.

First, We are delighted that the secretariat is bridging gaps between the needs of the society and our education system through the UNEP Youth and Education Alliance which organised its Global Summit this year. As the children & youth major group of UNEP, we would be delighted to support this process going further as it's a gap we strongly believe in addressing.

Secondly, on the issue of E-Waste, we want to highlight that this remains an area of concern for us, as the present and future generation of this planet. Especially in connection with open dumping and waste trafficking, we find it pertinent to share that increased support to addressing these issues is needed.

Three, Now with the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, as enshrines in UNGA resolution 76/300, it could be useful to identify factors to measure actions taken to implement this right or using factors from the relevant SDGs to track actions, identify gaps, and provide support.



We welcome rolling out of the Young Talent Pipeline initiative for entry level level professional positions and highlight that UNEP Youth constituency presents a very vital pool of diverse talents from every nook and cranny of the planet that when nursed properly through the requisite resources support and capacity development will form the next generation of UN staff and benefit UNEP and UN System by extension.

We wish you all happy Holidays & we are looking forward to strengthened cooperation in the coming year.

Thank you chair for the floor.

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