

U.S. National Statement
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Thank you, Chair, and many thanks to Acting Deputy Executive Director Sonja Leighton-Kone for delivering the Executive Director's report. The U.S. delegation appreciates that the Executive Director's busy travel schedule is essential to ensure UNEP maintains a prominent voice in key environmental discussions around the world.

Chair, since our last CPR meeting in September, we are pleased to share that the United States has announced an additional contribution of 7 million dollars to help combat plastic pollution.

With this funding, we remain one of UNEP's top donors, reflecting our strong commitment both to the organization and to Nairobi as an environmental hub.

We note, however, that 127 Member States still have not made any contributions to the Environment Fund.

Unfortunately, UNEP and Nairobi cannot reach their potential when the vast majority of Member States do not provide any core funding. Strengthening UNEP and Nairobi requires all Member States to make financial contributions.

Regarding Ukraine, we support the comments by the EU Ambassador. Our delegation appreciates UNEP's ongoing assistance, which is helping to catalog the wide extent of environmental destruction caused by Russia.

We welcome additional updates on UNEP's important work in Ukraine, including at Tuesday's subcommittee meeting.