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Intervention of Morocco on Agenda Item 3: “United Nations Environment Programme in the context of the reform of the United Nations and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”:

- At the outset I would like to thank you Mme ED for your very insightful opening remarks and my delegation would like to congratulate you for your leadership in advancing the work of UNEP and giving the necessary impulse to its reform in the context of the UN general reform to better meet the environmental objectives.
- Since it is the first time the delegation of Morocco is taking the floor, I would like to express its alignment with the previous statements made during the General debate earlier and on this agenda item, by H.E Ambassador Chol of South Sudan on behalf of the AG, and the general statement made by the distinguished delegate of Columbia on behalf of the G77+China;
- Our thanks go also to the secretariat team for the very insightful two presentations both “UNEP in the context of the UN Reform and 2030 agenda”, and “the UN Management Reform”;
- We appreciate the objectivity observed by the secretariat in the elaboration of the presentations which shed lights on both the existing strength and weakness in the governance or organisation of work of UNEP, and which also presents options for improvements.
- Comments of my delegation are related to the presentation on the UN reform which has highlighted the planned UNEP activities as a response to the triple planetary crisis, and identified the existing **lacunas in the UN Cooperation Frameworks where environment is weakly reflected, if not, at all, mainstreamed in country analyses, thus resulting in the absence of actions to be undertaken at the country level.**
- This assessment reveals the need of reviewing the methodology of work of UNEP, where UNEP needs to be contributing in the elaboration and implementation of UN Country Cooperation Frameworks, it needs also to improve its work at the level of **regional or sub regional offices, in order to enable the latter** ensure an integrated delivery of UNEP key programs and agendas on climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, at the country level;

- My delegation considers crucial “Engaging the UN system in a stronger, more coordinated and mutually supportive environmental action, in the context of the UN reform, as mirrored in the Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2025. A better engagement can be done through a deeper, fully fledged involvement of **UNEP Regional, subregional and country offices** in the delivery of the internationally agreed actions and program of work of UNEP;
- Such direct and strong involvement of UNEP at the country level will address **the imbalances observed in the Common Country Analyses** when it comes to **(1)** activities covered in the UN Cooperation framework : for instance it is visible that Climate Change is better addressed than Biodiversity and Pollution, **(2)** the delivery on MEAs is imbalanced, and **(3)** the lack in mainstreaming actions in economic sectors to address the triple planetary crises;
- Morocco is striving and making huge efforts to honor its international commitments-linked to the implementation of MEAs that Morocco has adhered to through the **elaboration of national strategies and action plans** related to biodiversity loss and climate change including the integration of action plan in the economic sectors. In this regard, a strong engagement of ROA at country level will help assess the major developments made in relation to the objectives of reaching SDGs linked with environment targets, and take stock of the weaknesses that countries may have in order to assist them address those challenges. Morocco is looking forward to a strong coordination of regional offices, in general, and that of Africa, in particular, **with UN country teams** in order to **improve the efficacy of the work of UNEP and its subprograms at the country level.**
- My delegation is welcoming the efforts made by UNEP in organising workshop of the World environment situation room with UNEP and selected Resident coordinators in order to identify data needs and criteria for integrating environment in country common analyses, and would be interested to know if all UN Residents have benefitted from such interaction? **My delegation would like also to request information on planned activities with UN Resident Coordinators, if they exist in order to achieve coordination on UNEP activities and programs, at the country level.**
- Finally, my delegation is also supporting the request by **the UN country team to establish a triple planetary crisis response team** which in our view will help develop country specific solutions.

Thank you.

