

Dear Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Colleagues
Ladies and gentlemen,

1. I am honored to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, Nairobi Chapter. Allow me to briefly provide the Group's general comments on this agenda item 4, especially in subitems a, b, and c, as well as in Agenda items 5 and 6.

2. First, the Group wants to commend your leadership and the CPR Bureau members, the Secretariat, our host country, and all other stakeholders, for the hard work and time dedicated to prepare the meeting of the OECPR, the Substantive session of the Fifth UNEA Assembly, and the Special Session to commemorate the Fiftieth anniversary of the Program.

Madame Chair,

3. In the G77 and China opening remarks for the First Segment of the Assembly, we stated that we were looking forward to the day when in-person meetings could resume, and the Assembly could meet in the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi. Despite the multiple challenges we are still facing, the Group welcomes the readiness of the host country, the Secretariat, and all stakeholders to facilitate universal participation through a hybrid format in which it must be guaranteed that all Member States voice their interests and engage actively in equal conditions during all formats of consultations, whether they are joining virtually or in person.

Madame Chair, allow me to share the Group's general thoughts regarding the updated draft for the Ministerial Declaration.

4. At the outset, the Group wants to thank Norway for facilitating the iterations between the Member States, throughout we were able to share our views. We look forward to continue engaging in this process to build a strong and balanced political declaration - one that is able to convey the plurality of perspectives and concerns of all Member States, with key elements for the decision-making process at the domestic, regional, and global levels.

5. In this respect, the Group wants to highlight that effective implementation of actions requires adequate and sufficient means of

implementation. We call for the immediate implementation of provisions on resource mobilization within relevant multilateral environmental agreements in order to address the financial, technical, and technological constraints faced by developing countries, including by innovative, additional, sufficient, and predictable multilateral financial resources from developed countries. The Group would also like to emphasize on the need for strengthen the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. We are motivated in this call by recalling Rio Principle 7, which states that in view of different contributions to environmental degradation, states have common but differentiated responsibilities. We are further encouraged by recalling paragraph 247 of the Rio Outcome Document, which states that sustainable development goals are "*... global in nature and universally applicable to all countries, while taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities.*" In this context, the G77 and China would also like to underline the relevance of recognizing the individual efforts that developing countries make to fulfill their environmental commitments in the context of the MEAs, considering national circumstances and priorities. Also, the Group recognizes the importance of developing integrated national financing frameworks, in support of nationally owned sustainable development strategies, in order to further implement the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, aiming at effectively mobilizing and aligning a wide range of financing sources and instruments with the 2030 Agenda, and to make use of the full potential of all means of implementation. Finally, the Group wishes to underline the imperative of a holistic, integrated and indivisible treatment of the economic, social and environmental dimensions for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.

6. Regarding the implementation of General Assembly Resolution 73/333, the Group welcomes the informal consultations lead by the cofacilitators that we expect could take us to a consensual final outcome. We would like to recall and reiterate our earlier statements, in which the Group strongly emphasized that we should not deviate from the mandate and scope of UNGA Resolution 73/333.

7. The Group would like to stress the importance of the political declaration pronouncing clearly on the right to a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, on UNEP's role in assisting member states to achieve environmental obligations, and on the importance of developed

countries fully abiding by their commitments in each MEA regarding the mobilization and provision of means of implementation towards developing countries. The Group welcomes with appreciation proposed language that highlights UNEP's need to ensure collaboration and synergies between and among MEAs.

8. Passing to the Assembly's inputs to the High-Level Political Forum, the Group wants to stress the importance of having a space in these discussions, in line with UNEA resolution EA.3/Res.3, to assess progress and challenges in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its interlinkages with the social and economic dimensions of sustainable Development, working coherently with UNEP.

9. Finally, *Madam Chair, the G-77 and China welcomes the discussions regarding the need to tackle the global plastic pollution and affirm our commitment to address this important issue at this UNEA-5.2, with the aim to initiate negotiations to achieve a new Global Agreement on Plastic Pollution with ambitious goals and equally ambitious means of implementation, and wide participation.* The Group comes to this stage of the process with the firm purpose to engage actively and constructively in the negotiation of the different tabled resolutions towards UNEA5.2.

I thank you, Madame Chair.