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Dear Mme. Executive Director, Inger Andersen,
Your Excellency Chair of the CPR, Permanent Representative and Ambassador of Finland, H.E. Mr. Pirkka Tapiola
Excellencies,
Colleagues
Ladies and gentlemen,

1. I am honored to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. The Group wants to thank the presentation of the Quarterly report for April – June 2022 and your remarks in this regard.

3. The Group welcomes the significant developments described in the said report, which account for a realistic measurement of the Organization's performance. This exchange allows the CPR to exercise its oversight role rightly, make strategic decisions, and offer political guidance, including in the implementation of UNEA resolutions.

4. The Group wants to highlight that when we improve the working methods within the Organization's governance structure, we achieve better outcomes.

5. The Group has often stated in favor of inclusiveness, transparency, accountability, and participation in the decision-making process in this multilateral institution. For the Membership to exercise its oversight role fully, it must be informed well in advance and comprehensibly on the state of play of the Program's work, including through the presentation of its thematic reports, as well as its proposals and recommendations are taken into account by the Secretariat.

6. The Group considers that a balanced approach implementing all the Assembly's resolutions on an equal footing and each MTS thematic, foundational, and enabling subprogram expected outcomes encourage trust building.

7. The Group takes note of the references made to the implementation of the multiple resolutions adopted during the second, third, fourth, and fifth UNEA, when it comes to resolution 5/14 on plastics, as well as the developments reached during this quarter. However, the Group would like to draw the Secretariat´s attention to the stage of implementation of other UNEA 5 resolutions, which have received less interest and resources, as it is the case for resolution 13 on *"Due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution…"*; resolution 4 on *"Sustainable Lake Management"*; resolution 12 on *"Environmental aspects of minerals and metals management"*; resolution 10 on *"Environmental dimension of a sustainable, resilient*

and inclusive post-COVID-19 recovery" and resolutions 1 and 6 on *animal welfare and biodiversity and health.*

7 bis. In this regard, the Group wishes to propose the elaboration of an implementation matrix that comprises all resolutions of the last UNEA, as a useful tool to help member States and the Secretariat launch, pursue and oversee the processes for their implementation.

Mme. ED, Mr. Chair,

8. As the Group recognizes UNEP's efforts toward digital transformation, we must remind the need of the developing world to overcome the digital divide. Substantial digital divides and data inequalities exist within and among countries and regions and between developed and all developing countries. Many developing countries lack affordable access to information and communication technologies and require adequate means of implementation, including capacity building, technology transfer, and financing, to actively engage in such a process. While deepening the digital transformation, UNEP shall bring on board the developing countries through adequate means of implementation.

8 bis. The Group recalls that Member States bear common but differentiated responsibilities, as enshrined in Principle 7 of the Rio Declaration, and adds that, within our respective capabilities, we are all expected to do our utmost to achieve full implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

9. Finally, Madam ED and Mr. Chair, the Group takes note of the financial statements of the Program and encourage member states, in particular developed countries, to contribute with financial support to the Programme.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.