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Honorable chair of the bureau
Honorable Ministers and Heads of Delegations
UNEP Executive Director
Ladies and gentlemen

It is my please to address you on behalf of the people and government of Sudan this morning on the occasion of this historic UNEA meetings.

Let me chair to take this opportunity to hail the government and people of Kenya who took the extra step to make this first UNEA a historic story of success.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

The Sudan delegation notes with pride this elegant gathering of more than 160 delegates from around the world sitting in this spacious meeting venue all concerned with the environment protection. It took more than a year and under the chairmanship of Sudan to make it possible for us to meet in this room as we are grateful for your recognition of this role.

It was a difficult undertaking to guide this transformative process from the dreams of "The future we Want" that we all agreed upon in Reo + 20 in 2012 to the first session of the UNEA. It was very enduring and fascinating to see that many people have had contributed to this success.

Let me take this opportunity to hail the commitment and dedication of the outgoing bureau members how worked hard to guide UNEP through this difficult time. I also note with pride the contribution of the Executive Secretary and his staff all around the World who were very helpful and reserved no efforts to support the save transformation of UNEP into UNEA. I can not miss the efforts that were exerted by the open ended CPR.

In short , thanks to all.

In Sudan we are facing one of the most dangers of climate change induced desertification. The prolonged drought and desertification had damaged greatly our natural resources base, affected the livelihood of many communities who used to be well off and spread widely the conflict between farmers and pastoralists. it is just our appeal to UNEP to exert no efforts in addressing this problem as part of the technology transfer initiative and environmental rehabilitation.

In this regard, chair, let me once again re-affirm our commitment to taking UNEP steps further in its endeavor as a World Environment Authority. We would engage in whatever discussion that would support this position that promotes UNEP country presence and enhance regional structures especially for Africa and LDC's.

We call upon the donor community to support generously this process

Thank you.

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