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Thank you Mr. chair, honorable ministers and representatives ...

With respect to UNEPs contribution to the SDGs and the post 2015 development framework,

As the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, we recognize the vital role that the UNEP can and should play in supporting the formulation and implementation of SDGs and a post-2015 development framework that addresses the root causes of poverty, inequality and environmental degradation; improves the well-being of the people while keeping within planetary boundaries.

We call on UNEP, with other UN agencies, and all the Ministers responsible for the Environment to support SDGs that:

- uphold a rights-based approach to sustainable development;
- ensure the full achievement of the current MDGs
- promote equity within and between countries and equality between men and women;
- uphold the principle of non-regression;
- are universal in applicability but in line with the principle of common but differentiated responsibility;
- promote good governance (participation, transparency, accountability, rule of law) including strengthening corporate accountability
- prevent the further deterioration of the carrying capacity of Earth's ecosystems and natural resources
- are time bound with clear and transparent indicators.

Specifically, we urge the UNEP to play a key role in:

1. championing the integration of environmental sustainability, including ecosystems and biodiversity, across all SDGs by providing scientific estimates of the natural resource requirements and environmental impacts of achieving each goal
2. promoting science-policy interface including drawing from traditional knowledge to guide the formulation of SDGs
3. developing monitoring indicators for assessing net progress in the achievement of SDGs including the accountability of sub-national entities and the private sector

4. monitoring and assessing ownership and access rights over ecosystems and genetic material that would impact our ability to safeguard the natural environment
5. supporting the establishment of reporting and monitoring systems at the international and national levels that involves civil society
6. disseminating evidence-based environmental information and raising public awareness on critical and emerging environmental issues
7. Providing capacity-building for countries and stakeholders to enable them to achieve and monitor progress in SDGs.

Finally, we call on the UNEP to help ensure that the design, implementation, reporting and evaluation of SDGs involve the full and effective participation of all stakeholders, especially the most marginalized.

Thank you Mr. Chair