

GENERAL STATEMENT BY UGANDA

The co-chairs, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

We thank the government of Kenya for accepting to host this process and note that the pronouncement to further support the process will guarantee effective participation in the process.

The Republic of Uganda believes the process towards a global pact for environment is important and critical for the development of our people and economies.

This process is very critical especially in harmonizing the several outcomes of CoPs and purpose of MEAs some of which remain un-implemented due to the existing gaps. We believe that like earlier processes, this will help us unanimously agree on the direction we should take to address the challenges in environment management.

As we deliberate, it is important to reflect on where we have effectively been successful in applying the principles and draw lessons from our respective obligations towards making cooperation meaningful and beneficial. We equally should be mindful of the contributions science makes to the development, interpretation and implementation of the environmental legal instruments. Similarly, the limited capacity, weak data capture on implementation and application of guidelines as well as the minimal technological transfer as pointed out in the report are also critical considerations to attaining effective application of a global legal regime for the environment.

The Republic of Uganda, pledges to continue engagement in the process to fruitful results.