

Distinguished Chair.

China aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished delegate from Palestine on behalf of G77 plus China. China welcomes the remarks made by the Executive Director, and is committed to engage in the discussions this week actively and constructively.

China attaches great importance on the building of an ecological civilization and achieving sustainable development. During the UN Climate Action Summit, as the co-leading country for the Nature-Based Solution track, jointly proposed over 150 initiatives, collected over 30 best practices in areas such as forest carbon sink, biodiversity conservation, which contributed to the success of the Summit. In this regard, China would like to take this opportunity to extend to all member states and to UNEP our thanks and congratulations.

Mr. Chair.

Environmental issue is a common challenge to all countries, and tackling this issue through multilateral cooperation is our only way forward. As a responsible member of the international community, China attaches highest importance to environmental challenges and has constructively participated in the global environmental governance including Climate Change and Biodiversity conservation. China honors its words and will faithfully fulfill our obligations under multilateral environmental agreements, continues to promote joint building of a green Belt and Road, and mobilizing stronger support for global sustainable development.

China firmly supports and upholds the United Nations and global multilateralism, will continue our support to the work of UNEP, and make joint efforts with all member states to build a clean and beautiful world where we enjoy shared prosperity and shared future.

Thank you.