

**Intervention by H.E. Agrina Mussa, Malawi High Commissioner and Permanent Representative to UNEP during 149<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 regarding agenda item number 5: implementation of UNEA resolution 4/2**

I thank you Chairperson for this opportunity to make an intervention.

Let me thank the Executive Director for the extent of consultation that she undertook with members states on the issue of implementation of UNEA resolution 4/2.

From the outset, Malawi would like to align itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the African Group by His Excellency the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of South Sudan. Included in the statement is the African Group position regarding implementation of paragraph 8 of UNEA Decision 4/2.

Malawi would like to reiterate that paragraph 8 of UNEA decision 4/2 mandates the Executive Director of UNEP to prepare the commemoration of the creation of UNEP. This commemoration has variously been referred to as UNEP @50 or UNEP+50. Regardless of what member states will eventually agree on, the important thing to note is that at UNEA IV member states agreed to commemorate, through negotiated arrangements, the life and existence of UNEP, which is headquartered here in Nairobi.

Therefore, Malawi would like to see attention and focus by member states and all stakeholders placed on this exercise: preparing to commemorate the creation of UNEP.

I thank you for your attention.