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The High Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Nairobi presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi and has the honour to refer to the 7th Annual Sub-committee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme, which is chaired by His Excellency Mr. Fernando Coimbra, Ambassador of Brazil to Kenya.

In this regard, the High Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Nairobi wishes to convey to the esteemed Office of the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi, the following comments with regard to the Agenda Item 04 of the above meeting referred to herein above:-

- (i) The Government of Sri Lanka is thankful to the UNEP for incorporating the ambition to halve nitrogen waste as reflected in the Colombo Declaration on Sustainable Nitrogen Management (CD-SNM) in the Draft UNEP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2025 and Programme of Work 2022-2023 (Version 22 September, 2020);
- (ii) It is noted that the Global Partnership on Nutrient Management (GPNM) delivered impressive synergies to succeed the "Nitrogen for Life" event in Sri Lanka, during which, the UN Global Campaign on Sustainable Nitrogen Management was launched in 2019. If GPNM could be strengthened to work on halving nitrogen waste target and to improve nutrient use efficiency through regional nutrient management plans, it will further mobilize countries associated with CD-SNM and will encourage many other countries to embrace the nitrogen challenge;

- (iii) In this context, the Government of Sri Lanka wishes to suggest to include in page 29, under the third "bullet point", under Outcome 03 of the Draft UNEP Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2025 and Programme of Work 2022-2023 (Version 22 September, 2020) the following:
- (a) Global Partnership on Nutrient Management (GPNM);
 - (b) Action on halving Nitrogen waste and improved nutrient use efficiencies to be undertaken through regional nutrient management plans.

The High Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Nairobi would appreciate the cooperation of the esteemed Office of the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi to consider the aforementioned comments at the 7th Annual Sub-committee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The High Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Nairobi avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Office of the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi the assurances of its highest consideration.

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