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Re: **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ZIMBABWE GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR WINPEG MOYO ON AGENDA ITEM 3: 154TH MEETING OF THE CPR**

My Delegation wishes to thank the Executive Director and the Secretariat for providing the necessary documentation for this meeting and welcome the Statement by the Executive Director. We believe that the statement clearly underscored that UNEP is on the right path in all its core functions and responsibilities. My delegation understands that indeed in development, the need to protect the environment remains imperative and in my country this is implemented by the Zimbabwe Environmental Management Authority. Let us bear in mind that implementation of developmental priorities should take into consideration differentiation of national levels of growth. Nevertheless, my Government pledges to do its part, as far as manageable, to consider the protection of the ecosystem through current and envisaged partnership with UNEP. That is why we have recently ratified the Minamata Convention and uphold our dedication to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. Zimbabwe is one of the two countries in Southern Africa which qualified for the pilot stage of the plastic waste management capacity building, a UNEP coordinated project towards enabling countries and peoples to improve the quality of life.

We look forward to fruitful discussions in all agenda items.

Thank you!!!