

**8TH ANNUAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES**

**INTERVENTION BY THE DELEGATION OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA**

*OPENING STATEMENT*

Dear Madame Chair, Excellencies, Madame ED,

Thank you for giving me the floor.

On the onset we align ourselves with the words expressed by HE Ambassador of Brazil on behalf of the GRULAC. WE wish to congratulate Madame ED, UNON and the Kenyan authorities for having made the reopening of the UN compound a reality for our 8th Annual Subcommittee Meeting and look forward to a very fruitful session this week as we move on solidifying the UNEA 5.2 agenda.

Costa Rica´s aspires to an ambitious UNEA 5.2, one that focuses on the areas that encompasses the current environmental global crisis: Climate, nature and pollution and which will show the path for work on the ground for every nation to be able to ensure climate change adaptation, mitigation and resilience; biodiversity protection as set forward in the decade for Ecosystem Restoration; and implementation of the human right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, as recognized recently by the Human Rights Council.

Costa Rica supports a legally binding agreement on marine litter and plastic pollution, including the whole life cycle of plastics, achieving a global net zero carbon emissions by 2050, and limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees.

In this regard, I am very proud to announce that Costa Rica recently received the EARTHSHOT Prize for its continued efforts in reforestation over the past 25 years and its commitment to continue marine ecosystems protection which we hope can be replicated in other countries with this ambition. As a member of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, comprised by more than 70 countries, we strive to achieve 30% of land forest coverage globally and 30% of marine protection by 2030.

Thank you, Madame Chair, Madame Executive Director, and esteemed colleagues.

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*INTEERVENTION ON AGENDA ITEM 4. A)*

Dear chair, thank you for giving me the floor.

Costa Rica wished to align itself with the intervention made by the distinguished delegate of Brazil on behalf of GRULAC.

With relation to this agenda point, we wish to inform that Costa Rica has expressed its support for the marine litter and plastic pollution resolution presented by Peru and Rwanda, contemplating plastics full life cycle, focusing on sustainable production and consumption, upstream as well as downstream, leading to a global legally binding agreement.

We are also pleased to announce we will support the Nature Based Solutions concept paper presented by the European Union delegation, particularly as it has a systemic approach integrating climate change, land degradation and human well-being at its forefront.

Finally, I wish to announce Costa Rica's intention to present a concept paper during the next two weeks on a financial mechanism for forests and biodiversity, and the need to attract resources to protect and restore our forests and their ecosystems. This initiative currently counts with the support of various Latin American and the Caribbean countries, as well as other regions. We are also attending the outcomes from the UNFCCC's COP26 to finalize it and hope to be able to submit it promptly to the secretariat.

Thank you kindly, Mr. Chair