

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

INTERVENTION BY THE DELEGATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA

AGENDA ITEM 5.

Thank you, Madam chair, for giving me the floor.

On the offset Costa Rica aligns itself with the statements made by his excellency of Brazil on behalf of GRULAC.

With regards to the UNEP@50 celebration, it is an extremely important moment to analyze the impact the program has had during the past 5 decades, where we stand today and where we see ourselves in the future, particularly in terms of the agenda 2030 and attaining the SDGs.

We welcome the proposal for the agenda and the documents presented.

In this sense, with regards to the Draft political declaration for a United Nations high-level meeting, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme, the delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica wishes to strengthen the expression: "Believing that everyone should have the right to a healthy and sustainable environment" by adding a reference to resolution A/HRC/48/L23 on the recognition of the human right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, adopted by the Human Rights Council and encouraging States to adopt policies for the enjoyment of the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment as appropriate, including with respect to biodiversity and ecosystems.

Costa Rica considers this an essential opportunity to reinforce the international communities' strong commitment to guaranteeing human rights and protecting ecosystems as an indispensable way to sustain all life on Earth. This is also a key moment to work in synergy with other UN programs and MEAs and conventions such as biodiversity, desertification, and climate change.

The delegation of Costa Rica strongly believes that conservation and improvement of ecosystems, as natural heritage, are the basis for sustainable development and poverty eradication. This could be attained if all nations, face the global challenges according to Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities, which catalyzes the potential of each nation to combat the global environmental challenges in a positive action-oriented approach.

Thank you, Madam Chair