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**AGENDA ITEM 3:
PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF UNEP'S PROGRAMME OF WORK 2020-2021**

Madam Chair,

At the outset our delegation would like to thank the Secretariat for the presentation and the document under this agenda item.

More importantly, we would like to register our appreciation to UNEP staff from all branches and divisions, for their hard work and dedication, in implementing their jobs, as reflected in this document, in accordance with their respective mandates.

Madam Chair,

Our delegation has read this document very carefully, and one thing that we found mentioned repeatedly across different headings is **on capacity building**.

We live in a world that is rapidly changing. We need to adapt to survive.

What we knew then may not be sufficient for us now or for us in the future.

In this regard, it is crucial for us **to step up** and **to scale up the capacity building** element across the board of UNEP's activity.

Of course if we look into each of the Subprogrammes headings, we will find that different countries face their own dynamics – on climate change, on ecosystem, on chemical and waste management, or on disaster resilience.

But our delegation believes that from those dynamics, best practices and lessons learned will emerge.

And from our reading of the document, **those best practices and lessons learned mainly come from the developing countries**.

And this takes me to my next point.

Madam Chair,

The Medium-term strategy (MTS) document is the guiding document for UNEP in implementing its activities in accordance to its mandate.

And of course, the programme performance review is a reflection of the MTS for a specific timeframe, in this regard for the period of January 2020-June 2021.

What we found missing in this PPR document is **a clear reference on South-South Cooperation**. While in the MTS document, there is a reference in page 16 on South-South Cooperation.

Of course if we read between the lines, we may find references to SSC mentioned indirectly.

But again, there is no clear and direct reference on South-South Cooperation.

The closest reference to SSC in the PPR document is in Slide 54 under the subsection of “Environmental Governance” where it is mentioned that “The pandemic has increasingly limited south-south knowledge exchange efforts to advocate for uptake of our tools and products”.

Our delegation acknowledges the Law Division for their work in reflecting this element to this PPR document, although it still lacks the clear reference on SSC, but it is almost there.

In this connection, our delegation wishes to urge the Secretariat to better reflect the implementation of SSC in their line of work, and to present it clearly in the PPR document.

Madam Chair,

In closing, our delegation wishes to reiterate that **Indonesia places high importance on South-South Cooperation.**

We believe that many developing countries have shifted their role from merely as the beneficiaries of knowledge transfer or capacity building, to become **Southern providers.**

That is why for instance, Indonesia also wishes to see more participation and involvement of academia, research institutions, as well as relevant centres of excellence from developing countries in the context of the science-policy interface initiative and other relevant avenues.

And in this regard, we believe that UNEP has a key role to facilitate this undertaking.

We welcome the next MTS Document (2022-2025) where it has a full paragraph outlining UNEP’s approach on SSC.

So let’s work together on promoting South-South Cooperation.

Let’s operationalize paragraph 39 of the MTS into concrete action, and better reflect it in future PPR documents.

Let’s see more faces and hear more voices from the Global South.

I thank you.

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