

Thank you, Madame Chair. My remarks will be brief in the interest of time and cover subitems b, c and d to avoid having to take the floor multiple times.

As the United States has emphasized in previous meetings, we already compromised on the status and duration of the UNEP@50 commemoration.

While my delegation now supports the event's general structure and agenda, we continue to oppose any negotiated outcomes beyond the 73/333 political declaration, which should be adopted early in the commemoration's program.

A chair's summary makes perfect sense to us, and it's consistent with UNGA resolution 75/280 which decided that Stockholm+50 will result in a chair's summary; and there should be parity between the two events.

Along these lines, regarding the level of participation, we can again look to UNGA's treatment of Stockholm+50 for guidance. Resolution 75/326 "encourages participation at the highest possible level," which is precisely our aim for UNEP@50.

We do not support any MoI outcomes at all, including the gap analysis. The most pressing funding issue before us is the immediate problem of 110 Member States not making any voluntary contributions to the organization.

Finally, on the theme of UNEP@50, as we've said before if delegations wished to create a theme, the place to do so was at 5.1.

Thank you, Madame Chair.