Thank you, Madam Chair,

Also, allow me to thank you and all colleagues for your excellent work during UNEA 5.2 and to welcome Madam Radikah as Secretary of Governing Bodies.

The delegation of Costa Rica welcomes the draft contribution of the UN Environment Assembly to the 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Costa Rica welcomes the contributions prepared by the Secretariat and all the Key messages for inclusion into the Ministerial Declaration, particularly, the delegation of Costa Rica outlines the importance to:

Recognize that a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is important for the enjoyment of human rights and for sustainable development in all its dimensions.

Welcome the decision by UNEA to establish an intergovernmental negotiating committee towards an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.

Welcome the outcomes of UNFCCC COP26.

Recognize the principle of **CBDR-RC**.

Welcome the outcomes of the special session of the United Nations Environment Assembly held in Nairobi under the theme “Strengthening the United Nations Environment Programme for the implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

Promote and strengthen nature-based solutions,

Recognise the importance of the best available science for effective action and policymaking on climate change, biodiversity and pollution, and stressing the urgency of enhancing ambition and action in relation to mitigation, adaptation and finance in this critical decade.

Thank you, Madam Chair,