



**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY SOUTH AFRICA PERMANENT MISSION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)**

**AT THE 158th MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT
PROGRAMME**

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Chair of Committee of Permanent Representatives,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you Chair for giving me the floor,

Let me take this opportunity to thank you Chair for your leadership in this meeting. I would also like to thank the Executive Director, Ms Inger Andersen for the prompt report and update on key developments within UNEP.

Chair, South Africa wishes to align itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the Africa Group. South Africa further notes the achievements by UNEP as reflected in the Executive Directors quarterly report, which highlighted several events held within this quarter. Of note is the successful holding of UNEA 5.2 and the UNEP@50 celebrations. The number of resolutions adopted during this meeting are of great importance in advancing

the course of preserving the environment. We therefore call for the realization of these resolutions, with emphasis on ensuring means of implementation, as we seek to address several global challenges that our environment is currently facing.

South Africa remains committed to addressing environmental challenges based on equity, science and sustainable development. We continue to pledge our commitment to the international collaboration in this regard.

As we prepare for Stockholm+50 meeting which will be convened by the United Nations and hosted by Sweden on 2-3 June 2022, we hold with anticipation great hope for an event that will provide our leaders with an opportunity to draw on the 50 years of multilateral environmental action to achieve the bold and urgent action needed to secure a better future on a healthy planet. This meeting will also reinforce the messages and the outcomes of the event to commemorate UNEP's 50th anniversary which took place in March 2022, here in Nairobi.

South Africa always look forward to the various UNEP engagements as we together we seek to find lasting solutions to the preservation of our environment.

I thank you,