

STATEMENT DELIVERED BY MAPOPA KAUNDA, DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNEP DURING THE 158TH UNEP CPR MEETING HELD ON 26TH MAY 2022;

- Mr. Chair,
- Excellencies Distinguished colleagues and participants;

- i. I thank you, for giving me this opportunity to present my national statement;
- ii. Malawi aligns itself with the intervention delivered on behalf of the African Group;
- iii. We want to sincerely thank the Executive Director for the elaborate and useful briefing regarding the preparations for Stockholm+50. It looks like it will be an exciting moment and such it somehow painful that some of us will not be in Sweden between 2-3 June 2022
- iv. We want to repeat our congratulations to Kenya and Sweden for co-hosting the International Meeting and for the excellent preparations together with the Secretariat
- v. While wishing a very successful outcome of the International Meeting, my delegation looks forward to receiving a report on the proceedings and outcomes of Stockholm+50;
- vi. Malawi views the International Meeting as very important in the context of one of the key outcomes of the 1972 Conference – which was the timely and wise decision to create UNEP. The creation of UNEP in itself and its existence and work over the last fifty years has given prominence and much needed global attention to the environmental aspect of sustainable development and international peace and security
- vii. In my culture the success and achievements of a child are mostly attributed to parents. As such in our view the success of UNEP is very much due to the landmark 1972 conference;
- viii. I thank you Mr. Chair**