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Statement of H.E. M Abderrazzak Laassel,
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- At the outset and as we are starting the work and **engaging towards UNEA6, under the Presidency of the Kingdom of Morocco**, I would like to seize this opportunity to congratulate UNEP and all Member States for the successful resumed fifth session of the Environment Assembly, which had delivered substantial results, and which is in fact an excellent addition to the achievements of UNEP during the past 50 years and a big milestone in **the strive towards achieving the international environmental agenda**.
- Let me, also, on behalf of my delegation, to congratulate you, Madam Executive Director, for your comprehensive and very insightful quarterly report (*April-May and June 2022*), as well as for your presentation.
- Morocco welcomes the main developments contained in the quarterly report, and specifically the results of major events that took place during the considered period of the report namely:
 1. **The recommendations adopted at the International Conference “Stockholm+50”**, and actions to accelerate system wide transformations to address a healthy environment for the planet;
 2. The Lisbon declaration which was adopted at the UN Ocean Conference;
 3. The **ECOSOC’s 7th Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)** for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and;
 4. The **2022 ECOSOC Operational activities for development segment which had resulted with important recommendations on accelerating action for the Sustainable Development Goals**.
- In addition to these important outcomes, to which Morocco contributed substantively, the Kingdom of Morocco, **through the Mohammed VI Foundation on the protection of Environment, presided by Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hassna**, had the privilege to host, in Rabat in June 2022, a meeting of the African Major Groups and Stakeholders where members and stakeholders discussed outcomes of UNEA5 and shared their prospects and projections for UNEA6, and expressed their commitments to support the UNEA6 Presidency;
- In this regard, **Morocco is looking forward to the active engagement of the Major groups to the preparatory meetings of the CPR and its subcommittee that will lead us to a successful UNEA6**.

- As the work was launched for the implementation of resolution 5/14 on plastics, with the convening of the OEWG to prepare for the INC to develop a legally binding instrument on plastics, which took place in Dakar, Senegal and also because there are other planned forthcoming INC meetings, which will be held in different locations, **Morocco would like to propose that UNEP Secretariat organises subsequent briefings of those INC meetings so as to keep member states, in Nairobi, informed of the discussions that took place outside of Kenya. This will help member states who could not be present to those meetings to take stock of the discussions in order to facilitate later on, their ownership of the whole process and for the adoption of the instrument on plastics.**
- This shall include the sharing of the INC documents such as **the draft rules of procedure which I believe will be on the agenda of the next INC meeting in Uruguay, scheduled in November.**
- As highlighted in the report the aspect related to implementation of the resolutions adopted during the resumed session of UNEA5, on which Morocco's stresses the importance of addressing them on an equal footing, we support the suggestion made by the Group of G77+ China **to establish a matrix of all UNEA 5 resolutions with a proposed timetable to consider the needful briefings from the secretariat in order to engage in the implementation process.** Such a matrix has the advantage to keep those resolutions at the core of the work of the CPR and keep track of the developments in the process of their implementation. **This could be a real useful tool for the secretariat but also for member states and all the stakeholders.**

I Thank you.