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**to UNEP and UN-Habitat**

**Agenda item 4: Report of the Executive Director**

1. I thank you Mr. Chair for giving me the floor and allow me to seize this opportunity to commend your able leadership in conducting our CPR meeting.
2. We would also like to thank the Executive Director and her team for their work and for the efforts provided in preparing and presenting this quarterly report.
3. My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by H.E. Ambassador of Colombia on behalf of the G77 + China and would like to make some remarks in its national capacity.
4. We take note of the report submitted today which covers a wide range of environmental issues pertaining to the various Multilateral Environmental Agreements as, among others, climate change, desertification, biodiversity and pollution.
5. The improvement of the living environment of the citizen is a key element in our government policy and the cross-cutting activities of the Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energies include other national authorities, academia and civil society. Therefore, the Government has placed emphasis on preserving the environment through urban and industrial depollution, circular economy, promotion of startups and microbusinesses, protection of biodiversity as well as environmental education and outreach.
6. As for the Stockholm plus 50 International meeting, Algeria participated actively in regional consultations of Africa and held a national dialogue preparing the said meeting involving representatives of academia, public and private economic sector, civil society and public administration. A high-level delegation, headed by the Prime Minister, took part to this event.
7. Algeria also organized, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Algerian Virtual Waste Exhibition, under the theme “promoting investment in the field of waste”. The event witnessed the participation of different countries as well as UNEP, UN-Habitat and UNIDO.

8. Mr. Chair, while this report is providing an update on the implementation of the resolution 5/14 on plastics, we call again to the equal footing in the implementation and attention dedicated to all the 14 adopted resolution and we kindly request the secretariat to keep the CPR informed on the steps of their execution during our next meetings and subsequent quarterly report.
9. I would like to state that we hear Madam ED when she refers to the resources challenges faced by the secretariat for the implementation of resolutions. We duly appreciate and commend the financial support provided by countries that have been able to do so. We would however caution against a situation where resolutions submitted by developing countries to highlight and achieve progress on environmental challenges they face would simply be neglected because of lack of resource. This would not translate the spirit of the UN nor that of the Rio declaration. Resource mobilization strategy should go beyond the MTS and to be extended to the Adopted resolutions.
10. Algeria welcomes the mention of the adoption by the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) of the African Union Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan (2022 to 2032) which stipulates that three-tiered African climate change negotiation structure are CAHOSCC, AMCEN and African Group of Negotiators.
11. We appreciate the ongoing activities of UNEP in Africa, where environment is of utmost importance, and given the wide range of environmental related issues as well as the existence of 15 MEAs around the world, we request more detailed information briefings to be provided regularly through the UNEP Regional Office for Africa here in Nairobi. We furthermore strongly underline the need, through your leadership, for a better coordination and interaction between ROA and the African Union Commission, our continental organization, whose efforts, programs and flagship projects under agenda 2063 precisely place the sustainable environment and development as a priority for its actions and partnerships.
12. Finally, Algeria is of the view that sustainable efforts have to be exerted to enhance representation of developing countries in the staff composition of the Secretariat, particularly developing Member States that are unrepresented or underrepresented. Algeria requests the Executive Director to intensify her efforts to ensure, their representation particularly at the senior and policy-making levels and expresses its concern regarding the lack of progress in this regard, especially that there are competent candidacies from developing countries.
13. I thank you Mr. Chair.