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Thank you Mr. Chairperson for giving me the floor.

At the outset, Cameroon aligns itself with the statements delivered by Ambassador CHOL, Ambassador of South Sudan to Kenya and Permanent Representative to UNEP, On behalf of the African Group and by the distinguished representative of Colombia on behalf of the G77 and China.

My delegation joins the previous speakers in thanking the Executive Director and her team for all the reports in preparation for this meeting. Cameroon looks forward to an in-depth discussion that we will have this week.

Mr. Chair,

The agenda which has just been adopted somehow reminds us that time flies and we have to be consistent anytime we gather to consider the environmental challenges that can potentially jeopardize the continuity of life on earth, our common home.

In effect, we are still to reflect on the implementation of actions that we agreed upon during UNEA5.1 and UNEA5.2 and yet we are already considering what UNEA6 will look like.

Taking this opportunity to reflect on the conversation around the shaping of UNEA6. Cameroon is proud to reiterate its strong support to the African presidency of this particular UNEA.

My delegation trusts that as a collective we would seize the momentum to continue modelling the UNEP we want in the context of the reform of the United Nations and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with the view to mitigate while adapting to, not only the triple, but the multiple crises the planet is undergoing; notably the systemic exposure to natural disasters including cyclones, drought in particular in the Sahel and the horn of Africa.

With regard to the three options on the theme for UNEA 6, Cameroon is of the view that they are a good starting point, as they provide us with important ideas, that will be refined throughout the process. My delegation would like to recall and stress the need for a transparent and inclusive process towards the definition of the final theme for UNEA6, taking into consideration not only mainstreamed issues, but more importantly those touching on

neglected issues such as the advance of the desert, which at the end of the day trigger the well-publicized triple planetary crises.

Mr. Chairperson,

My delegation takes note of the reports submitted for consideration during this meeting, which cover a broad range of issues that touch directly on the implementation of UNEP's mandate and further resonates to the management of our organization.

In particular, my delegation recognizes the transformative potential of the implementation of the Programme of work and budget 2022-2023 of UNEP, in the context of worrying funding challenges for UNEP. We look forward to having a constructive and frank conversation on those issues, as well as on the status of the implementation of the outcome of the consensual process for review by the CPR.

We welcome the progress made so far, and we note that there is still room for progress, notably with regard to the balanced implementation of all resolutions and the necessary attention on the regional geographic representation in UNEP staffing.

Mr. Chair,

Cameroon supports UNEP on delivering on the Medium-term strategy at country level through the UN Resident Coordinator System.

My delegation notes that, in the context of the UN Reform and the 2030 Agenda, UNEP mainly focuses on the generation of data needed to mainstream the environmental Agenda.

From my delegation's perspective, there is also need to pay more attention to effective global solidarity, including where necessary through technology transfer, capacity building and financial support in the view to allow developing countries to meet their commitments towards the implementation of internationally agreed actions, without compromising their efforts to offer better living conditions to their people. These enabling conditions will definitely increase environmental impactful results.

Mr. Chairperson,

As I conclude, I would like to reiterate our support to you chair and appreciate the way you are conducting our proceedings so far.

I thank you./-