

Malawi intervention during 9th Annual subcommittee meeting on Agenda Item 8: Status of the implementation of the outcome of the consensual process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives presented by Ms. Annie Mwanza, Department of Environmental Affairs

1. From the outset, let me sincerely thank the Secretariat for the update regarding implementation of outcomes of the consensual process for review of the governing bodies of UNEP.

2. Malawi was actively involved in the consensual process for review and as such has a vested interest in the implementation of its outcome.

3. Having said that our appreciation of the implementation process, will be in the context of preparations for UNEA 6 that are taking shape and are likely to happen in future. Notably therefore, we do not believe that reference to UNEA 5 is very helpful given that the outcome of the stocktaking meeting for the process for review by the CPR as agreed at the 8th meeting of the annual subcommittee of the CPR, was actually endorsed at the resumed session of UNEA 5. In any case, a key lesson learnt from the assessment of UNEA 5 was a clarion call to everyone to ensure implementation of the outcome of the consensual process for review.

4. In view of the points already shared, we would like to note with appreciation efforts that have taken place so far in the organisation

of work for UNEA 6 as witnessed by the past and planned joint meetings of UNEA and CPR Bureaux. Joint bureax meetings are an important aspect of the governance approach for the work of UNEP for it allows for and recognises the critical role of the CPR as an inter-sessional body of UNEA.

5. While taking note that the provisional agenda for UNEA-6 was already adopted, we agree with the Secretariat by noting that it does not include an agenda item entitled “Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements” in the UNEA sessions. We therefore wish to call upon the UNEA-6 President and Bureau, as a matter of necessity to propose an amendment to the provisional agenda to reflect the recommendation in paragraph 6 b) of the outcome of the CPR based review. We believe that it is necessary to discuss and promote collective efforts between UNEP and MEAs to ensure effective implementation of the environmental pillar of the 2030 Agenda. In this regard, we will be keenly following up on the response and action from the UNEA-6 President and Bureau on the inclusion of this agenda item as per the rules of procedure.

6. As I conclude, let me emphasise that indeed as already expressed Member States and the Secretariat have a joint responsibility to continue efforts to promote the implementation of the recommendations to ensure full implementation by UNEA-6 and beyond.

7. We have taken note of the very useful and constructive ideas put forward by the distinguished delegation by Netherlands, and supported previously by other delegations. We are ready to work with them and other like-minded delegations together with the secretariat, in order to concretize the proposals

8. I thank you most sincerely for your kind attention