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Intervention of Finland under agenda item 5: *Implementation of the outcomes of UNEA in the context of the programme of work*

Mr Chair, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- I have the pleasure to make this statement on behalf of Finland.
- Thank you very much for this presentation, and as this is the first time we take the floor in this meeting, I would like to join others in expressing our appreciation to the Secretariat for all the comprehensive presentations and background documents prepared for this meeting and for the hard work that has gone into this.
- Finland aligns itself with the statement made by the EU and its member states.
- We consider that UNEA-5.2 approved a number of very important resolutions, especially to mention the one on initiating negotiations to develop an international agreement to end plastic pollution.
- We would like to support and echo the comments made by many colleagues under this agenda item. We underline that it would be very useful to increase the linkages between implementation of UNEA resolutions with the implementation of UNEP's Programme of Work and Budget.
- To that end, we would welcome further analysis on their alignment. Finland would be pleased to hear UNEP's analysis on key issues and possible recommendations for further streamlining and improving the linkages between resolutions' and POW implementation.
- We already take good note of the ED's initial reflections at the beginning of this session, and thank her for her proposal for Member States to consider including an undetermined sum in POW to provide seed funding for those resolutions that are not covered by the POW. We are happy to consider this and other proposals to strengthen the linkages. We also find the analysis by UNEP on each UNEA resolution, including provisional budget implication assessments, very useful, and encourage UNEP to continue preparing budget estimates also in future UNEAs.
- As a last point, our thanks for the helpful presentation on the Monitoring and Reporting Portal. Like others, our delegation has unfortunately also experienced some challenges accessing the Portal, and we would welcome its development towards a more user-friendly solution.
- To conclude, Finland looks forward to continued close collaboration with UNEP as we proceed in the implementation of all these important resolutions. Thank you.