

Intervention the United Republic of Tanzania on Agenda No. 9: “Initial Discussions on the Theme of UNEA 6” for the 9th Annual Sub Committee meeting, 28th October, 2022.

Thank you Chair for giving me the opportunity to make an intervention on this important agenda item.

The United Republic of Tanzania aligns itself to the statement issued by Eritrea on behalf of the Africa Group on this agenda.

On the outset, Tanzania would like to express appreciation to the Presidency of UNEA 6 and the UNEP Secretariat for the good work done towards availing these proposals for the Theme for UNEA 6 for our reflection and consideration.

We welcome the placing multilateralism at the core of global efforts to address pressing environmental challenges, as indicated in some of the proposed themes.

As such, Tanzania underscores the need for UNEP to remain at the forefront of global efforts towards addressing these challenges, this can only be achieved through prioritizing the principle of common but differentiated responsibility and capabilities adequate means implementation - with a particular focus on facilitating transfer of technology, capacity building and financial resources that would ensure that all countries are on track to meet their environmental goals and aspirations.

Lastly, while continuing to reflect on the proposed themes, Tanzania would like to emphasize the importance of having a theme that would catalyze global action on the most pressing environmental concerns that have a significant bearing on the livelihoods of people especially in the global south. For Tanzania, Land degradation, desertification and drought are among such concerns.

My delegation looks forward to continuing engaging on this matter especially through the CPR, so that the UNEA 6 can be a platform that provides guidance on how such matters can be tackled at all level.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.