Agenda Item 5: Implementation of the outcomes of UNEA in the context of the programme of work.

- First of all, my delegation would like to thank Mme ED for her important remarks on this very agenda item. Morocco values very highly her regular interactions with member states to respond to their concerns raised and take stock of their suggestions;

- My delegation’s thanks go also to the team of the secretariat for the update provided on the status of implementation of UNEA resolutions as of June 2022 including resolutions- adopted during UNEA 5.

- Starting with the Portal issue, my delegation is taking this opportunity to inform on the difficulties experienced in accessing the portal since the latter has been launched. Such difficulties were not only those encountered at the level of the Embassy but that also of capital based colleagues;

- Many delegations have experienced same access difficulties that is why this has been reflected in the statement of the African Group that has called for the organisation of 2 or 3 training sessions on how to access and use the portal, and I seize the opportunity to thank Mme ED for her positive reaction and in informing us that per practise, this is possible;

- The Portal is very useful for capital-based colleagues who can use it in getting all the needed information on resolutions, and processes and in uploading their voluntary reports. The delegation of Morocco would like to request from the secretariat the possibility to organise those training sessions the soonest possible. Since we are heading towards UNEA6, it would be very useful to sort out the difficulties of accessing and using the portal.
• On the implementation per se of UNEA resolutions, my delegation believes that implementation is the backbone and the centerpiece of the UNEA work to meet its overall objectives. Priorities set out in the field of environment that led to the adoption of Resolutions and Decisions by the Assembly have to be equally implemented to drive UNEP’s Work;

• No implementation means simply no action, no progress;

• Morocco would like to seize this opportunity to underline the crucial importance of implementing all UNEA Resolutions on an equal footing. In this regard, while the delegation of Morocco is understanding clearly that resolutions reflected in the MTS, the PoW and budget are the first to have their processes of implementation launched and pursued, it deems it necessary that more efforts should be engaged in order to be able to implement the other resolutions which were not projected in the PoW and budget;

- The issue of seeking funds to allow for the implementation of the resolutions has been raised several times, as much as it is critical, failure to do so could also compromise the substantive work undertaken at the level of UNEA. This is something that needs to be avoided.

- Morocco is cognisant and appreciates the efforts devoted by the secretariat in reaching out to member states, stakeholders and organisations to secure funding. My delegation would like therefore to seek clarification from the secretariat on how it intends to pursue resource mobilization for the implementation of UNEA resolutions?

- While awaiting the funds to come for the implementation of the resolutions, my delegation is supportive of the G77+China and the Africa Group, and that of the African Group’s suggestion on the establishment of a matrix for the implementation of all UNEA resolutions which has the advantage to keep those resolutions at the core of the work of the CPR and its subcommittees as a useful practical tool for the Secretariat, member states and stakeholders to keep track of the developments on the process of their implementation.

- Finally, the delegation of Morocco reiterates that achieving a coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the UN system is key for preserving the global environment.

I thank you.