

Thank you Mr. chair for giving me the floor  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Dear colleagues,

My Name is Mohamed Abdelraouf from Gulf Research Center, Co-chair of MGFC at UNEP representing Science and Technology Major Group.

I am delivering this statement on behalf of Science and tech., Business and Industry, Farmers, Indigenous People and their communities, Local Governments, Workers and trade unions, children and Youth Major Groups.

The planetary crisis that we are confronted with does not leave us much time. We need to fully implement resolutions and decisions as soon as possible, on the ground, with solidarity, positive impact, and the principle of leaving no one behind.

We appreciate and welcome progress made in implementation of various UNEA 5.2 resolutions and look forward to a continuous effective engagement of Major groups and stakeholders in various ongoing processes.

With reference to INC - plastics treaty and Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) of UNEP Science policy panel on chemicals, waste and prevention of pollution. We encourage member states to maintain the spirit of cooperation in the proposed Intergovernmental Negotiating and allocate enough funds to allow effective Major Groups in these two processes.

We welcome the progress and outcomes of GEO7 inaugural meetings that concluded last week. We, as Major Groups, are very thankful to the GEO7 secretariat for effective engagement of MGOs and look forward to similar engagement with various UNEA/UNEP processes.

with regard to UNEA 6 theme, we like to propose the following option for your kind consideration:

**Circularity, A pathway for the future: Towards healthy economies, societies and planet**

We believe this is a crucial topic that can shift our systems, bring innovative ideas and facilitate cooperation and technology transfer.

As we are happy that COP27 will be held in Africa (hosted by Egypt) in two weeks' time, we call for substantive and transparent progress in defining an ambitious goal for climate finance, acknowledging developing countries special needs and circumstances, recognize the reality of loss and damage and prioritize locally-led adaptation.

In preparing UNEA 6, we, the Major Groups and Stakeholders, are ready to engage with you through an open, transparent and participatory process.

Thank you.