

Major Group for Children and Youth 9th Annual Sub Committee - 2022

Intervention on Agenda Item 4 - Response to UNEP ROAP - Agenda Item 4: Implementation of the Programme of work and budget 2022-2023 of the UNEP

Thank you, chair. I am Yugratna Srivastava speaking on behalf of the Major Group for Children and Youth. We would like to thank the UNEP AP office for their presentation. We would like to highlight the following key points:

- We are grateful for the support provided by the UNEP AP Office for the delivery of the Asia Pacific Regional Youth Environment Forum that took place last year. We would like to request for continued cooperation and support for the Youth Forum in the lead-up to UNEA 6.
- Second, the issue based coalitions on the regional level have been formed as part of the new UN reform that took place. These IBCs have various thematic areas of work. We would like to request that the IBC on youth, education and environment have more participation of young people, and we request the UNEP AP office to facilitate access of young people in the same. Furthermore, we encourage collaboration with the regional Asia Pacific Inter Agency Youth Network (APINY) and the IBCs in general, where APINY brings together UN agencies and youth constituencies and groups in the region for enhanced coordination and collaboration.
- Finally, we request for programmatic support throughout the year for youth participation and engagement in addition to the support provided for conferences and events. As the Asia Pacific region hosts some of the most vulnerable populations, we believe their engagement is central to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you Mr. Chair.

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