

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

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

Thank you chair for giving me the floor.

Dear member states and designated delegate, I'm Ahmed SI Owda from Palestine, speaking on behalf of the Children and Youth Major Group.

We would like to thank the West Asia Regional office for the presentation made. We as the youth constituency continue to have collaboration with regional office.

The region of MENA has more than 200 million young people. Young people in the region are not only advocating on environmental topics but also are victims of wars and conflicts.

First, We want to request that a Regional Youth Environment Forum is supported by the UNEP West Asia regional office in the leadup to UNEA 6.

Second, we want the UNEP West Asia regional office and country offices to be champions of safeguarding the rights of young people, especially young environmental defenders in the region.

Intergenerational and social equity in essence become the two elements that must be incorporated in our work as we move forward.

Thank you Mr. Chair.

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