

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

Intervention on Agenda Item 5 - Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Environment Assembly in the context of the programme of work

Thank you chair for the floor.

I am Teresia Gitau from Kenya speaking on behalf of the Children and Youth Major Group to UNEP. It is an honor for me to present the voice of the youth constituency in regard to the implementation of the outcomes of UNEA 5.2.

We appreciate the progress made towards implementation of the 14 resolutions adopted in UNEA 5 and the flexibility at this point to take guidance on further implementation of the resolutions.

On the outset, we highlight the following points:

First, UNEA 5.2 set forth several independent processes such as the International Negotiating Committee on Plastics, the Chemicals and Waste panel, among others. We want to highlight that stakeholder and civil society engagement in these processes should not be designed from scratch but be based upon existing models and best practices in the spirit of no regression. The model at UNEA should be used as a baseline.

On the resolution of reform management, we welcome that efforts are being made to hire young people under the young talent programme. We further highlight that when new processes or groups are initiated through the UNEA resolution, it is to ensure that youth and Civil Society Organizations are part of the implementation of the resolution, and indicators on the success of each resolution. For the Nature Based Solution resolution, there are 48 indicators, and we should deploy indicator based reporting for further resolutions as well.

We welcome the consultations being organized by UNEP on the implementation of UNEA Resolution on minerals and metals governance, in light of the potential constraints that minerals supply chains might pose to the net-zero transition. We applaud the efforts of UNEP's economy team to include youth perspectives in the drafting of the Vision Document and look forward to substantive contributions ahead.

In appreciating the interlinkage and complementarity of the resolutions, we observe the need for equal priority across all resolutions that were adopted, for their implementation by UNEP.

Regarding Sustainable Consumption and Production , we are pleased to share that our sister youth constituency SCP Youth Platform, recently participated at the Board Meeting of the One Planet Network in Paris last week, and we are delighted that youth perspectives have been included in the new global strategy for Sustainable Consumption and Production.

Thank you Mr. Chair.

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