Thank you Mr. Chair for giving me the floor. I would like to thank the secretariat and all the delegates for a meaningful discussion. My name is Peter Thini speaking on behalf of the Children and Youth Major Group to the UNEP.

We appreciate the work done and the progress made in the implementation of CPR based review. The Youth constituency has been actively involved in the CPR based review process since 2020 and we are glad to see the ongoing progress. We would like to highlight the following points;

First, we appreciate the development of the UNEA delegates handbook by the secretariat. We would like to send our inputs to the content of the Handbook. We are requesting for the draft of the Handbook to be shared. We would like to include segments to share about the Youth engagement during UNEA and how more participants can be engaged within the youth constituency.

Second, as youth we follow the CPR meetings very closely. We would request that preparatory documents for the CPR meetings be made available in advance for better preparation and engagement.

Third, UNEA is the highest decision making body on environmental matters in the UN. Information should be made easily accessible to the public for meaningful engagement.

We request the UNEP to enhance communication about UNEA through launching innovative campaigns in advance.

In conclusion, we welcome the enhanced work under the Bureau of CPRs and UNEA building on the provisions of the CPR based review. We suggest that the Bureau meetings held periodically, be open to observers participation by the Major Groups and Stakeholders.

Thank you Mr. Chair.

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