

Major Group for Children and Youth

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Intervention on Agenda Item 10 - Consultation on the theme for the sixth session of the UNEA

Thank you Mr. Chair for the floor.

My name is Wycliffe Mponin on behalf of the children and youth major group.

Taking into account the proposed themes for UNEA 6, the children and youth recognize the importance of a healthy economy, healthy society and a sustainable planet.

We also recognise the role that Environmental multilateralism plays towards healthy economies, healthy societies, and a healthy planet.

We would like to highlight key points:

We support the build up of UNEA 5 theme on strengthening actions for nature to achieve the sustainable development goals because of several key international processes taking place such as the High Level Political forum on sustainable development, the SDG summit, COP 28, and the continuing negotiation at Post 2020 global biodiversity Framework and Post 2020 chemicals and waste framework which provides a platform that contributes to conversations that shape policies hence contribute to a healthy economy, a healthy society and a sustainable planet.

We encourage a joint and coordinated communication process across major groups so as to have a meaningful engagement leading up UNEA 6 theme. We are committed to this process to help the children and youth be the global shapers of tomorrow.

We also strongly recommend that UNEA has a theme that advocate for relatable and achievable synergies that account for resolutions and principles in the spirit of reforms.

Furthermore, we want to highlight that UNEA already is an example of multilateralism on the environment. We therefore suggest discussing bold and innovative ideas that call for action and higher ambition to be discussed at the UNEA.

Finally, we recommend that the documents be sent in good time to allow enough time for the major groups to congregate and discuss on the suggested theme.

The “Future we Want” is not complete without young people being part of the process.

Thank you

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