

INTERVENTION BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA
Committee of Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting
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Dear Chair of the CPR
Excellencies,
Colleagues

Good morning,

First, our delegation fully aligns itself to the statement delivered by Ambassador Valverde on behalf of GRULAC.

Also, Costa Rica takes this opportunity to welcome the positive outcome of the reelection of the Executive Director Inger Andersen to a second four-year term. Our delegation reiterates our full support to her excellent work and commitment to strengthening UNEP as the leading global authority for the environment with presence in the Global South.

Regarding the preparations for the OEWG-1.2 on SPP, Costa Rica hopes that the elections in Bangkok can happen amicably to strengthen multilateralism. Costa Rica takes this opportunity to reiterate its support to Madam Gudi Alkemade, representative of the Netherlands, to act as Chair of the process. Our delegation is confident that her expertise and commitment will be crucial to this critical process.

INC-1

With regards to the outcomes of the INC-1 on plastic pollution, Costa Rica takes this opportunity to thank Uruguay and the Plastics Secretariat in its national capacity for hosting the meeting and for the hard work carried out to make it a success. We are looking forward to making sure this process continues to be as ambitious and successful as it has been so far.

Costa Rica would also like to announce that we have become members of the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution, led by Norway, and would like to take this opportunity to invite other member states to join and work together.

CITES COP19

Costa Rica would like to further announce that during the CITIES COP19 in Panama our delegation, led and proposed the inclusion on a list of important species of glass frogs and tortoises, terrestrial and aquatic turtles, amphibians, seahorses, the decision to conserve jaguars in the region, all linked with an emphasis on how to combat cybercrime and the implementation of the amendments approved at COP19 in the areas of Registry of Farms and Nurseries that reproduce a specific type of species massively. For Costa Rica, the approved working documents are of extreme importance nationally and for the region so welcome the excellent outcomes achieved.

CBD COP-15

Regarding the outcomes of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP-15), Costa Rica is very pleased with the results achieved, in particular, Costa Rica, as co-chair of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, together with France and the United Kingdom, lead this initiative of more than 113 countries committed

to the adoption of target 3 of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, ensuring the protection of 30% of the land and oceans by 2030 as the minimum scientific measure required to halt the loss of biodiversity and address climate change.

Also, since 2021, Costa Rica has led a permanent working group with the International Indigenous Forum for Biodiversity (IIFB), spokesperson for the representatives of indigenous peoples to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and COP15, to support the inclusion of language regarding respect for the rights of indigenous peoples in target 3 of the Global Framework, known as the 30x30 target. Costa Rica celebrates that the target was successfully adopted during the COP in Montreal.

The Coalition of 113 countries likewise promotes that the 30x30 goal incorporates both protected areas and areas under conservation management, including agro-productive species and the territories of indigenous peoples and local communities.

Similarly, Costa Rica led, together with other countries in the region, such as Mexico and Colombia, the inclusion of the concept of free, prior and informed consent of Convention 169 of the International Labor Organization, the postulates of the Declaration of Nations Convention on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as the language inclusions suggested by the IIFB regarding the knowledge of indigenous peoples in the work to implement Article 8J of the CBD, on “Knowledge, innovations and traditional practices”.

I thank you, Mr Chair.