

**Statement delivered by Ambassador of Costa Rica, H.E. Giovanna Valverde
161 Committee of Permanent Representatives meeting
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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

I will deliver this statement in my national capacity.

Costa Rica fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by GRULAC and by Pakistan on behalf of the G77 and China. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Madam Executive Director for presenting the quarterly report, and we welcome UNEP's advances in all areas of work.

Costa Rica would also like to inform you that in our capacity as co-facilitators, implementing UNEA's Resolution 5/5, "NbS for supporting sustainable development", is moving forward significantly.

Along with the Representative of Nigeria and the Secretariat, we have held weekly meetings and have been developing a plan for implementing the consultations in 2023, which we hope to present to the plenary as soon as it is finalized. We thank the European Union for approving funds to make the consultations possible, and we invite other member states in a position to do so to support its implementation as well.

Regarding the Resolution on Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure, we welcome the outcomes and hope it can be linked with the Resolution on NBS and the proposal of the Resolution on BiodiverCities, which Costa Rica and Colombia will present at UN-Habitat's second General Assembly.

I Thank you Mr. Chair.

Regarding agenda Item 7, on the Contribution of the United Nations Environment Assembly to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, we welcome the outcomes of the document. However, we hope that an explicit mention of the 10YFP may be included in New York.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.