



Statement from the Children and Youth Major Group 161 Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 9th March 2023

Agenda Item 5 : Preparations for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

Thank you, Chair, for giving us the floor. Distinguished delegation,

I'm Zipporah Njenga from Kenya, speaking on behalf of the Children and Youth Major Group. We extend our warmest wishes on world women's day, although belated. A huge shout to all the women in the room today!

On agenda no 5, to prepare for UNEA 6, our inputs are as follows:

One, We, as the constituency, are planning to organize a youth environment assembly to precede the 6th UNEA. We plan to have them earlier, around the 2nd half of this year, to provide background information on children's and youth's rights in the context of the triple planetary crisis. We hope that this will help member states in bringing about resolutions to UNEA 6. We also request anyone interested in supporting and partnering with us on this endeavor kindly reach out to us.

Two, we hope to bring voices from on-ground and grassroots communities to the table and the resolutions. We also think it could be valuable for regional UNEP offices to collect sentiments and inputs towards the drafts from grassroots communities in their region.

Three, We applaud the Committee's drive to an all-inclusive process highlighting inputs from all Major groups and stakeholders. We, the children and youth, kindly ask for our inputs to the consultations to be duly considered separately in framing the inputs to the declaration draft.

Lastly, we recognize that consultations with major groups and stakeholders have been scheduled in the Draft Roadmap, which we deeply appreciate. We reiterate the importance of these consultations and the inputs derived from them. We, therefore, hope that at the appropriate time, the Secretariat will take these inputs into consideration in the spirit of having an all-inclusive and collaborative process.

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Thank you, chair for the floor.

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