

UNEP Sub Committee meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2023

Interventions by the United Republic of Tanzania on Agenda 6: Preparation of GEO 7.

**Thank you Mr. Chair,**

Good afternoon Colleagues,

Since it is the first time we are taking the floor, the Tanzania delegation wishes to congratulate your Excellency for taking up the position of Chair of the CPR. We pledge our full support to you, throughout this coming period.

With regards to the agenda at hand, Tanzania welcomes these updates regarding preparation of the GEO 7 and commends the UNEP GEO team for the progress reached thus far - which as per the briefing document it seems that the process is on a good track.

We further commend the IMAG and MESAG for providing the required guidance and advisory to ensure that the GEO 7 provides a thorough review of the world environment and supports evidence based decision making.

Specifically, regarding the selection of authors; while applauding the gender balance, we are concerned about the regional representation of the authors - where some regions seem to have a large number of authors as compared to others.

Tanzania is of the view that this unbalanced selection of authors may weaken regional analysis and therefore not achieve the purpose of the GEO 7.

Having said that, Tanzania would appreciate if the Secretariat could inform on the causes of this scenario and perhaps also inform if there are any mechanisms in place to ensure that regions with fewer authors are not disadvantaged.

Further to that, with regards availability of resources, Tanzania express deep appreciation for the financial support pledged towards the GEO 7 which is instrumental in ensuring the process is a success.

However, we note with concern the cash flow issue highlighted by the secretariat in the briefing document.

We therefore wish to encourage member states, in a position to do so, to honor their financial pledges, so as to enable the process to continue as per the agreed timeline.

Thank you chair