

Statement of the Kingdom of Morocco
on the quarterly Report

- Thank you Mme ED for the extensive quarterly report which presents all the activities of UNEP during the considered period (April-June 2023) at the global and regional levels;
- Such a report keeps us abreast on the activities of UNEP worldwide. A 44 pages report speaks about itself on the wide range of activities and meetings taking place, during the considered period, in different parts of the world to address different environmental challenges.
- My delegation while considering this very rich and informative quarterly report, is very pleased to see how well the narrative on the three planetary crisis is resonating well in different countries, including in Africa, one of the most affected continents by climate change generating multiple crisis such as droughts, cyclones, floods, desertification, soil degradation, in addition to pollution and biodiversity loss with dreadful consequences on livelihoods and food security;
- Morocco as an African country is commending the work of UNEP in the African continent, and lauds particularly the contribution of UNEP **in addressing the challenges** faced by countries such as the **flood water diversion project in Sudan, the eco systems based adaptation in South Sudan, and Uganda's national adaptation plan.**
- Morocco also praises UNEP for **reflecting key environmental challenges that stand against sustainable development** of African LLDCs that should be taken up to the LLDC summit in 2024 to address the growing risks associated with global warming and biodiversity loss;
- Morocco would like to see UNEP further implementing its work under the Medium Term strategy and the program of work to tackle the three planetary crisis, in Africa and in the other parts of the world, **through providing support to member states in order to strengthen their environment governance that remains to be guided by science, assessments and innovative approaches.**
- The Project on the integration of MEAs into UN Cooperation Frameworks to establish links between MEAs objectives and the SDGs in Africa, **has certainly merit to be duplicated elsewhere;**
- **The implementation of the Programme of Work and its foundational subprograms** are key to make progress in the fight against environmental challenges, among which

plastic pollution. **Morocco and some other countries from different regions are part of the program to transition towards a circular economy for plastics targeting single-use plastic packaging in the food and beverage industry.**

- Morocco also **has engaged actively in the Africa Group of Negotiators on plastics** which had worked tirelessly to shape a common African vision on the continents' priorities, which will be presented during the upcoming INC sessions.
- It will continue to do so, during the whole process of INC with the hope **of reaching consensus on a legally binding global instrument on plastics.**
- Finally, my delegation **would appreciate an update on UNEP's engagement with UN Country Teams, it would appreciate further more information on the effectiveness of such engagement,** which would require a specific training in order to be able to integrate environment aspects, at both the level of the UN cooperation framework and at the Country Analysis;

I thank you.