

Intervention by Mr. Mapopa C. Kaunda, Deputy Permanent Representative of Malawi on Agenda Item 5; Widening UNEP funding base during the 10th Annual Subcommittee Meeting held from 20-24 November 2023

1. Thank you Chair for granting me the opportunity to address the meeting.
2. Let me thank the Secretariat and the Panellists for useful and comprehensive presentations.

Mr. Chair, on the issue of managing funding for UNEP, Malawi has been consistent on two points;

3. Firstly, Malawi has encouraged UNEP leadership to engage as much as possible those member states that do not and are not making their fair share contribution to the Environment Fund. It is for this reason that my delegation appreciates the visit to Malawi by the Executive Director where meetings with the president and minister of foreign affairs were excellent opportunities to speak about Malawi's contributions
4. Secondly, Malawi has encouraged UNEP leadership to take advantage of gatherings of key decision-makers such as the African Union Summits of AMCEN, to engage on the matter of contributions to the Environment Fund
5. While the two points emphasise on the role of UNEP Secretariat, diplomatic missions accredited to UNEP have a central role to play in ensuring that member states are fulfilling their obligations. In that regard, the Malawi Permanent Mission has been actively engaging its capital by one, emphasising the affordability by Malawi of its VISC, two comparing UNEP's assessed amount to that of UN Habitat, which has always been done on time and three highlighting the dollar-total value of projects Malawi has through UNEP vis-à-vis its VISC.
6. Meanwhile Malawi appreciates all those member states that have paid their fair share in full or even above.
7. **I thank you Chair.**