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Statement of H.E. M Abderrazzal Laassel, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco and Permanent Representative to UNEP and UN-HABITAT.

at the 10th Annual Subcommittee of the CPR

Agenda Item 1: opening of the meeting

Excellency Ambassador, and Chair of the CPR,

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Excellencies and distinguished Delegates.

- 1- Chair, allow me to express my delegation's highest interest to take part actively to the 10th annual subcommittee meeting which will be tackling relevant discussions that are key to the work of UNEP and its contribution to meet the world environment objectives;
- 2- First of all, I would like to express my country's alignment with **the statements made by the Africa Group and the G77+China;**

Mr Chair,

- 3- As we are all embarking towards the sixth session of UNEA, my country Morocco is very humbled and very honoured to lead our work, with the determination of achieving successful outcomes that can be impactful and resonate well with the world expectations, and hopes to address the three interconnected crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and plastic pollution.

These challenges are not only interconnected but they are also the drivers of so many other crisis that impede the development of countries, impact food security, undermine efforts to reduce poverty, and cause instability with communities fleeing their lands because of droughts, floods, soil degradation, deforestation- and water scarcity.

Addressing these challenges, which are at the core of the Medium Term Strategy 2022- 2025 and the program of work, through the implementation of its clear and well defined strategic objectives, **should be kept as our focus with no diversion.**

Morocco considers that what should matter is how we are progressing in the implementation of the three subprograms of **Climate Action, Nature Action and Chemicals and Pollution action**, and how we can all join our efforts together through **concrete actions** in order to contribute to the protection of our environment.

Outcomes of the Assembly need to be implemented to serve our common objectives. And it is comforting to see that work towards implementation of some of the important last UNEA5.2 resolutions has been initiated.

Last week, from last Saturday and till yesterday night, member states in INC3 have worked tirelessly for endless hours to agree on what should be the components of the future legally binding instrument on plastics. Discussions on key issues such as definitions, principles, scope, means of implementation and compliance of the instrument have been laborious showing some divergences but also convergences on the different aspects of the future instrument. Morocco hopes that this arduous work will positively evolve during the intersession period and during INC 4, with the ambition of its completion in 2024;

Nairobi has also hosted the **Intergovernmental Consultations on Nature based solutions as one of the actions** towards the restoration of biodiversity. The work undertaken during these consultations need to be taken to the next level and UNEA6 can play a fundamental role in this regard;

The second session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to contribute to the sound management of chemicals and waste, which will take place in December, in Nairobi, **is another opportunity to further the work on pollution;** The COP 28th is, also in a very close purview to further climate action.

Hence, and these meetings contribute to the strenghtening of UNEP as the leading global environmental Authority, its is important to follow up on the

implementation of the MTS, the programme of work and the budget, and see how the subprograms are being implemented at the regional and national levels.

This is strategically important to reinforce the coordination of UNEP with UN Country Teams and to increase the uptake of its subprograms in the UN frameworks, with Climate Change action, pollution and biodiversity being equally reflected.

Mr Chair, Morocco underlines the importance of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the SDGs, and believes that a synergized cooperation between UNEP, UNEA and all the Multilateral Environmental Agreements will increase their impacts and deliver enhanced results across all the MEAs.

Finally, Morocco would like to appreciate the secretariat efforts for the preparations of all the working documents, presentations and reports which provide an overall view of the work of UNEP including at country level.

Morocco looks forward to fruitful discussions this week and you can count on my delegation's active participation.

I thank you.

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Agenda item 3: Implementation of the Programme of work and budget 2022-2023 of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Thank you Chair for giving me the floor:

- 1- On this agenda item, and on behalf of the Kingdom of Morocco, I would like, first of all, to thank the secretariat for the presentations on the implementation of the Programme of Work and budget 2022-2023 of UNEP, and;
- 2- In this regard, I would like to seize this opportunity to reemphasize the vital objectif of ensuring implementation of UNEP's Medium Term Strategy and its programs which are embracing at heart the three planetary crisis, namely climate change, biodiversity loss, and plastic pollution;
- 3- The presentations are very informative and give us a general good overview and understanding on how the MTS is unfolding on its 13 programmes, including achievements on the ground and the ressources that have been allocated for their implementation for 2022-2023;
- 4- Morocco congratulates the secretariat for the Presentations on the “Climate Stability”, “living with Nature”, and “towards a pollution free planet” Programs which showcased clearly the good results achieved in the recipiendary countries, as well as the lessons learned and outlook for these programmes and activities. This truly shows **and reflects UNEP's work and impact on the effective delivery of its Program of work. Morocco**

encourages the secretariat to continue improving UNEP's delivery model.

(Présentation "ZERO WASTE" prévue l'après-midi à 15h)

5- On the presentation on the zero waste, my delegation is very interested in the activities that have been ongoing throughout this year

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