



Republic of Malawi

**Intervention on behalf of Malawi by Mapopa C. Kaunda,
Deputy Permanent Representative (DPR) to UNEP on the statement
delivered on behalf of the Friends of the Resolution the Nexus
between Animal Welfare, Environment and Sustainable Development
Nexus during 10th Annual subcommittee meeting held from 20-24
November 2023**

1. Excellency Chair, colleagues, good afternoon.
2. From the outset, my delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by South Africa on behalf of the Friends of the Resolution on Animal Welfare, Environment and Sustainable Development nexus adopted during the last UNEA Session.
3. We would like to complement the statement with the following points from a national perspective.
4. As a supporter of the resolution from its inception, discussion, adoption, we have been keenly following its implementation. We thank the Executive Director for the efforts that have been put in place so far regarding the resolution, as reported on the Monitoring and Reporting Portal.
5. However, my delegation is frankly not comfortable with the state of affairs regarding implementation of this resolution, which has same status like all the other resolutions adopted at UNEA 5.2

6. A key deliverable of the resolution is production of a report that must be submitted to UNEA 6, following a peer review process by Member States.

7. Mr. Chair UNEA 6 will take place from 26 February 2024. Today is 23 November 2023. According to the rules of procedure, pre-session documents for UNEA 6 need to be circulated by 15th January 2023. What this means according to the implementation plan posted on the portal is that the Secretariat will, complete the desk review study, hold a peer review process and hold a technical workshop about implementation of the assessment report, all this by December 2023. The time available is ideally 20 working days, while being mindful of the Christmas and New Year breaks. We take particular note that according to the Implementation Plan posted on the website as of today, a detailed implementation plan for the execution of the assessment as a full intergovernmental scientific assessment has not yet been done.

8. Frankly Mr. Chair this is not a very inspiring picture or state of affairs to have. My delegation is not inspired at all! Unless of course my delegation is misinformed and I would want to get the necessary comfort from the Secretariat.

9. Overall lack of funding due to delayed and insufficient funding is being cited as the challenge to fully implement this resolution. My delegation is painfully aware that a potential source of funds was turned down due to reasons best explained by UNEP. Be that as it may, this is a turn of events that we remain concerned with given that just yesterday we were talking about widening the funding base for UNEP.

10. I thank you all for your kind attention