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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 objective 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 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 resources 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 recipient 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.**
- 5- Morocco encourages the secretariat to continue improving UNEP's delivery model.

- 6- On the delivery at the national level, **Morocco appreciates concrete projects on climate adaptation, climate resilience**, and acknowledge the difference made on the ground with positive impact on livelihoods in Asia, Africa and Latin America;
- 7- Morocco would be interested to see if any of these projects are being planned in other subregions of Africa, and if there's any foreseeable engagement of UNEP in other African countries than the one listed in the presentation, are in the horizon? Perhaps it would be very useful, in the view of my delegation to consider, for the next ASC, a map of all the recipient countries of these projects for every body to see and also for transparency purpose and oversight.
- 8- Again, the assessment and evaluation of the work of UNEP at the country level, including assessment of the work of UNEP within the UN Country Teams, is crucial as it will certainly improve engagement of UNEP at the country level. Morocco will intervene again under Agenda item 3 (d): when we will discuss "UNEP in the context of the repositioning of the UN development system and country delivery"; to reflect more substantially on this subject.
- 9- **On the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency, which main objectives, is to provide countries with credible data, scientific assessments and early warning systems, the presentation has reflected many of the science and transparency projects being implemented in Latin America and Asia Pacific**, Morocco would like to know **whether these projects have been focused so far only in those two regions, and if Africa is in UNEP's purview to also benefit from such projects?**
- 10- This proposition is valid for each of the programmatic areas, and I think it will be very useful as well in the assessment of UNEP's work world wide;
- 11- The other question that was asked is whether the identification of such programs, are being proposed by regional offices, or if the requests to UNEP come directly come from countries, or it could be both channels?

Thank you.