Thank you chair,

- I would like to thank you Chair for giving me this opportunity again to speak on behalf of the Kingdom of Morocco;

- Morocco aligns itself with the Statement of the Africa Group, and I would like to thank the Executive Director and her team for organising this important panel discussion to shed light on the current financial situation of the organization through the presentation made by Mme ED and also through the useful available documentation;

- Morocco joins others in appreciating all the contributions made by countries who are honoring their financial commitments and also appreciates contributions from donor countries;

- While Morocco is recognizing the challenges that UNEP is encountering in terms of funding and resources, it is very pleased to announce, today, that it has honored the pledge it has made last year to pay its full share, starting from this year 2023, and that from now on Morocco’s regular contributions will be paid systematically in accordance with UNEP’s Voluntary Indicative Scale of Contributions;
- Morocco encourages other countries, who haven’t done so yet, and who are able to do so, to consider raising their contributions to also meet their full share;

- Morocco remains convinced that Supporting the Environment Fund is a universal shared responsibility, and that honouring regular financial contributions, in addition to receipt of contributions from donor countries will help achieving the objective of securing, stable, adequate, predictable and increased financial resources to UNEP, as committed to at the Rio +20 Summit of 2012, to ensure that UNEP can deliver its programme of work in a balanced and effective manner.

I thank you/