

**Statement of the Africa Group on  
Agenda Item 5: Widening the Funding base of UNEP**

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent  
Representatives 20<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

- Excellency Mr. Wael Attiya, Ambassador of Egypt and Vice-Chair of the CPR,
  - Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP,
  - Ms. Elizabeth Mrema, Deputy ED of UNEP,
  - Distinguished Delegates,
1. At the outset, I would like to congratulate you chair for the excellent manner you've been steering the work of this subcommittee;
  2. I also would like to thank the panelists for the very insightful discussions, on this very important topic;
  3. Morocco has the honor to deliver this statement , on this specific agenda item, **on behalf of the Africa Group;**
  4. The Group would like to thank the Secretariat for the presentation and for the updated overview of UNEP's financial trends, funding status and a recap of the challenges of the current funding structure. The Group welcomes the concept note for this session on widening the funding base of UNEP, and further supports the Secretariat in the implementation of para 88 of the outcome document of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development.
  5. The group appreciates the efforts made by Member States, with the support of the Secretariat, to identify opportunities and make efforts to widen the base of contributions to the Environment Fund, in line with the universal membership of UNEA. The Group further notes with appreciation efforts to identify partners that can provide flexible funding, including to the thematic funds of UNEP. However, the Group would like to recall the historical responsibility of developed countries in

leading the world where it is now and calls upon them to make substantial efforts in providing adequate means of implementations to tackle environmental related challenges.

6. We collectively observe that Member States should be continuously informed about the need of making contributions to the Environment Fund. This can be accomplished by having the leadership of UNEP officials participate in strategic regional gatherings such as AMCEN Sessions and the African Union Summits, where engagement would focus on widening the financing base and importance of contributing to the Environment Fund.

7. The Group also requests UNEP to further explore other options of mobilizing resources for the implementation of its programme of work and all UNEA resolutions. In this regard, the Secretariat could benefit from how other UN Agencies mobilize funds for the implementation of their own. The Group also calls upon the Secretariat of UNEP to further its efforts towards Resource mobilization in order to allow implementation of African resolutions which are still lacking appropriate funding.

I thank you.