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Agenda item 6: Future Perspectives on Environnmental Multilatéralisme.

Thank you Chair for giving me the floor:

- First of all I would like to thank the secretariat for including this topic in the agenda of the annual meeting of the subcommittees;

- It is indeed crucial to have an outlook on the future perspectives on Environmental Multilateralism while we recognize that the strenghtening of global governance needs an effective multilateralism that is capable of delivering effective solutions, that could adress global challenges and specifically environmental challenges;

- In this regard, let me recognize on behalf of my delegation, the content of the UNSG Report “Our Common Agenda” Which has been welcomed by the UNGA Resolution, and I would like to thank H.E Ms Ellen Sirleaf, former President of Liberia and H.E.M Stephen Lofven, former Prime Minister of Sweden for their leadership of the High level Advisory Board and the work they invested in the development of their report “ A breakthrough for People and the Planet” that includes recommendations and which is going to inform the 2024 Summit for the Future.

- While I’m not in the position to deliver today my country’s full evaluation of the report, I would like, however, to particularly appreaciate on behalf of my delegation the call made in the report for an affective multilateral system that can be more inclusive and involving a broader range of actors in the global decision making and by meaningfully engaging youth, women, civil society, private sector, local and regional goverments- and by emphasizing in putting gender equity at the
center of governance efforts at all levels. This is perfectly in line with the approach adopted by The Kingdom of Morocco under the leadership of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, in the new Model for Development which has made big strides in the development of the country.

- Of course the calls in the report for a more equitable access to a sustainable financing that can deliver for an inclusive economic development to all, including environment, digital space and education, and on how to reestablish balance with nature through addressing the triple planetary crisis and ensuring a fast-tracked transition from fossil fuels to clean energy, taking measures to achieve the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, achieving a just digital transition to address the digital governance gap and prevent digital harms, and through managing risks arising from climate change, pandemics, transnational organised crimes, these are all calls that deserve our attention globally, but I do hope that member states and all stakeholders will have the possibility to reflect on and discuss these recommendations, and consider if they can own them.

- Also the contents of the 2 annexes to the report, one on “the pact for the people and the planet, and the other one on a “decarbonising package” require a deeper consideration by member states because of the social and economic impacts they can have on societies;

- My delegation values positively recommendation 4 that speaks on elevating environment within the multilateral system and on the strengthening of UNEP and UNEA with mandates and resources comparable to other UN institutions to be able to act as a more effective global environment agency, to be able to drive a transformative agenda for people and planet across multilateralism;

- My delegation would have liked to see the report also touching upon the role of existing regional multilateral environment platforms such as AMCEN who has the leading role in the field of environment in Africa, and proposing recommendations on the need to strengthen them to better deliver their roles.

- I would like to hear from the panelists if they could elaborate on this question and inform us on why they didn’t include the regional dimension in their recommendations.