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COMMITTEE OF PERMANET REPRESENTATIVES**

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YOUR EXCELLENCY,

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EXCELLENCIES, DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES,

At the outset, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you Mr. Chair, to the Executive Director and all the Members of the Secretariat, a very happy and prosperous new year. I extend this wishes to the Members of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and all the distinguished colleagues in the room today. After a deserved break period I am confident that during this meeting we will achieve successful outcomes.

The Republic of Angola aligns itself with the Statement made by Her Excellency the Ambassador of Cameroon on behalf of the African Group and would like to add in its National capacity the following:

My delegation would like to thank the Executive Director for her Statement and for the Quarterly report which provides the Member States the highlights on significant developments and updates on the implementation of UNEP Programme of Work and budget, as well as on UNEA relevant Resolutions.

The Republic of Angola appreciates the overall engagement of UNEP at global and regional levels, in particular the support provided by UNEP as the Secretariat for the African Ministerial Conference on Environment(AMCEN), during the 19th Ordinary Session of the AMCEN which took place in Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia from 14 to 18 August 2023, with the theme “ Seizing Opportunities and enhancing collaboration to address environmental challenges in Africa” , and which the main outcome was the Adoption of the Addis-Ababa Declaration.

On the issue of UN Reform, the Republic of Angola, took good note of the UNEP involvement in co-organizing the Workshop to bridge the gaps between the Multilateral Environmental Agreements(MEAs) and the United Nations Country Teams(UNCTs) in Africa, which took place in July 2023, bringing together the UNCTs representatives and national focal points for MEAs related to biodiversity and chemicals waste, to discuss how to bring MEAs efforts and commitments closer to UNCT programming processes.

As the focal point for the Strategic Focus on International Chemical Management and African Group Coordinator on Chemical and Waste issues, Angola firmly believes that this dialogue should continue and that UNEP can play a pivotal role in bringing both mechanism's together.

On the issue of opportunities and lessons learned, Angola commends the fact that UNEP finds an opportunity to capitalize on the increasing priority that Africa is placing on adaptation as a core strategy for tackling climate change as evidence through the Africa Climate Summit. Angola recognizes the link between adaptation and the sustainable development. Therefore we would like to see the UNEP increased support to bridge the adaptation gaps between the current levels of adaptation and levels needed to respond to impacts and reduce climate risks increased with the increment of warning.

Finally, the Republic of Angola acknowledge that UNEP continues to serve as a global partner for Member States, with a shared strategic focus on innovative, effective and integrated multilateral action to fight the triple planetary crisis of nature, climate and pollution.

I thank You.

