



Democratic Republic of the Congo general's statement
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Committee of Permanent Representatives in preparation
for UNEA-6

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Excellency the Chairperson of the CPR,
Madam the Executive Director of UNEP
Excellency Ambassador and High commissioners,
Heads of delegations and, dear colleagues,
Distinguished participants

1. My delegation align itself with the statement made by Algeria on behalf the Africa Group.
2. Mr. chair, let me start by congratulating your outstanding leadership in the conduct of the preparatory work that's lead-up to the 6th session of the OECPR, in preparation for the UNEA-6. I would like to ensure you, and the whole CPR Bureau, of the support of my Country.
3. On the same vein, I seize this opportunity to mark my great appreciation on the commendable work by Madam Executive Director and her entire team in the UNEP secretariat, for availing to us all the working document and the organizational arrangements put in place to make the holding of this OECPR-6 feasible.

Excellency Chairperson,

4. The Democratic Republic of the Congo, as member of the Bureau of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN), forms the hope that the outcomes of this OECPR will go in the direction of aspirations expressed in August 2023 by the nineteen Session of the AMCEN, that of strengthening cooperation between the UNEA, the UNEP and the Secretariat of the various MEA's (Multilateral Environmental Agreements). Therefore, I have no doubt

on your extraordinary ability, Mr Chairman, to ensure that our deliberations during this session can lead us to secure an agenda adapted to the challenges of UNEA-6; an efficient and appropriate negotiations that ensure the quality of drafts resolutions, declarations and decisions to be approved by the Assembly.

5. My delegation also expresses the hope that, further to reaffirming the principals of Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, in particular Principals 7 and 16, the conclusion of our deliberations will factor in positions expressed by African Heads of State and Government in the Nairobi Declaration on Climate Change and Call for Action (adopted at the African Climate Summit held from 4th to 6th September 2023 in Nairobi)

Mr. Chairperson,

6. In this respect, my delegation would like to echo, the call made by His Excellency Félix-Antoine TSHISEKEDI TSHILOMBO, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at the Summit of the Three Bassins of Amazon, Borneo-Mekong and the Congo (held from 26th to 28th October 2023 in Brazzaville), highlighting the negative impact of the terrorism and the violent armed activism on the sustainability and the preservation of our natural ecosystem.
7. As I conclude, I wish a successful OECPR session to all of us, with a view to ensuring an outstanding result for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.
8. I thank you for your attention.