

**REMARKS BY H.E. MR. DAMPTEY BEDIAKO ASARE, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF GHANA AT THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE OECPR OF UNEA 6**

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Mr. Chair, the Executive Director of UNEP, Distinguished delegates,

I am honored, on behalf of the Ghana delegation, to address the plenary session of the OECPR. As we convene today, we are reminded of the profound responsibility entrusted upon us to safeguard our planet and promote the well-being of all its inhabitants.

In the face of unprecedented global challenges, including climate change, drought and desertification, biodiversity loss, environmental degradation, pollution and waste, including plastic waste, among a host of others, our collective action has never been more imperative. These challenges transcend national borders and require concerted efforts from all nations to address them effectively.

It is incumbent upon us to reaffirm our commitment to the principles of multilateralism, cooperation, and solidarity. We must seize this opportunity to strengthen international partnerships, foster dialogue, and promote innovative solutions that promote sustainable development and leave no one behind.

Mr. Chair, as representatives of our respective nations, we have a duty to uphold the values of equity, inclusivity, and environmental stewardship. By working together in a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect, we can overcome the obstacles that lie ahead and build a more resilient and prosperous future for generations to come.

Let us seize this moment to reaffirm our shared commitment to a sustainable and equitable world, where every voice and action contributes to the greater good and a brighter future for posterity.

We join other delegations to thank the Secretariat for all the preparations towards ensuring a successful UNEA-6 outcome, and also express our appreciation to the Government and people of Kenya for their warm welcome and hospitality extended to all delegations.

Ghana aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Ambassador of Algeria on behalf of the African Group and also supports the resolution on Strengthening Ocean and Seas Governance to tackle Climate change, Marine, Biodiversity Loss and Pollution submitted by Costa Rica. Ghana wishes to commend the INC Secretariat and all delegations, in particular the African Group for their respective efforts and contributions. It is our expectation that all delegations will continue to work tirelessly and through a spirit of teamwork and cooperation to ensure progress at INC-4 and beyond.

Thank you for your kind attention