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**Eleventh meeting**

Opening statement

Delivered by Luis Fernando Ceciliano, Chargé d'Affaires *a.i.* and Deputy Permanent Representative

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Thank you very much, Mr. Chair,

Excellencies, distinguished colleagues, Madam Executive Director,

Costa Rica aligns itself with the preceding statements delivered by Egypt on behalf of G77&China, and Brazil on behalf of GRULAC.

In this regard, we would like to briefly highlight some issues related to the implementation of the current programme of work and budget, taking into consideration that, in the presentation of these and other agenda items, we will have the opportunity to convey further considerations.

We are pleased to see UNEP's ability to continue delivering its mandate in a global context of increasing uncertainties that fuels the ongoing triple planetary crisis. Strong attainment of target indicators -above 80%- and the enhanced global leadership in setting the environmental agenda, shaping of regional coalitions, and integration of gender and social safeguards are just a few examples. At the same time, we appreciate UNEP's due recognition of managerial challenges and weaknesses, and vow for better addressing of audit and evaluation recommendations as well as inter-agency coordination and partnerships.

Results across the three strategic objectives, from assisting countries in updating their nationally determined contributions to early action support in implementing the new Global Biodiversity Framework to assistance in building back better after conflicts and disasters, are encouraging and we welcome their reliance on the foundational and enabling programmes, which have proven successful. In particular, we highlight the support to Members States, especially developing countries, in generating and using data and analysis on environment, coherent implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and establishment of green jobs policies.

Mr Chair,

Costa Rica expects that, for the formulation of the forthcoming Medium Term Strategy, an open, transparent and inclusive process will be properly arranged in order to duly consider the views of the membership. We believe that, as a Member States-led agency, UNEP will greatly benefit from our inputs in the preparation of the 2026-2029 document.

We remain committed to support UNEP's role as the leading neutral broker on environment issues. Costa Rica's experience and track record on environmental sustainability, which we

see as an avenue to foster South-South and Triangular Cooperation, remains at disposal of Member States and the Secretariat.

On the other side, after a successful UNEA6 session, we look forward to continuing our collaboration in the effective implementation of RES 6/15.

Thank you very much.