Thank you Mr Chair,

- First of all, and on behalf of my country the Kingdom of Morocco, my delegation is welcoming the discussions that are going to take place under the various agenda items of this Annual Subcommittee.

- The Kingdom of Morocco aligns itself with the statement made by, H.E Ambassador of Egypt on behalf of the G77+China, and wishes to seize this opportunity to thank the Secretariat for the very valuable background documents that have served as a basis for the preparations of the discussions of this annual subcommittee, this week;

- The Kingdom of Morocco is looking forward to good discussions that will pave the way to the preparations for the next UNEA, specifically the new MTS for 2026-2029 and new budget and program of work for 2026-2027, which we hope are going to take into consideration the lessons learned from past experiences including UNEA6 which my country had the honour and privilege to preside. Morocco hopes to see the new MTS 2026-2029 and the next programme of work and budget for 2026-2027, taking into account the needs and concerns of the developing countries;

- Morocco underlines the very important issue of coordination of UNEP within the UN system, as well as on the contribution of Environment Ministerial Forums to the work of UNEP and their roles in contributing to address the different pressing environmental challenges and crisis;

- Morocco stresses the importance of the update by the EMG on the progress of the two UN system wide common approaches on biodiversity and pollution, which aims to integrate the environmental dimension in various UN entities to better streamline the work of UNEP across the UN system. **Such progress should also build on the recommendations of the high-level discussion on MEAs Day that took place during UNEA6, as well as to benefit to member States in terms of support to their implementation of the various MEAs. UN Common approach should also cover the Climate action to be integrated across the UN system.**

- It is never over stated, to underline again the pressing need of a continuous coordination with the UN Country teams as well as with regional offices on environmental programs, policies, decisions and strategies of UNEP, will allow for a better implementation at the regional and national levels in order to address efficiently the Environmental challenges and crisis.

- Finally, Mr Chair, gender parity, and equitable geographical representation are very important to continue to be strived for by UNEP and my country shall take this opportunity to thank Her Excellency Mme ED, being at the helmet of our organisation, for her usual uplifting presentation as well as for her efforts invested in that regard.

- My delegation is wishing to all of us a successful 11th Annual Subcommittee Meeting.

I thank you.