Statement of the Kingdom of Morocco on Agenda Item 5 (Road Map and MTS):
Preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Thank you Mr Chair,

On behalf of the Kingdom of Morocco I would like to express our thanks to Mme Executive Director for her opening remarks and to the Secretariat for the background document on the road Map and on the new Mid term strategy, which are a very good basis for work.

Allow me first to express the alignment of my country with the statement made by Egypt on behalf of the G77+China

Mr Chair,

As a first glance to the road Map, Morocco’s considers that Regional consultations on the MTS and PoW need to be more highlighted in the text. In this regard, My delegation considers that the regional Forums of Ministers of environment planned for this year will be the best opportunity to have in person exchanges and consultations with member states regarding the MTS and PoW. This is completely in line with the recommendation made yesterday on the contributions of the Regional Forums to the work of UNEP, specifically the MTS and its program of work, and in line with resolution 6/3.

I would like also to underline the importance for UNEP, to take into account its comparative advantages in supporting countries in the implementation of the MTS.

Regarding the collaboration with MEAs, UNEP needs to Build on the recommendations of the MEAs dialogue that was successfully held at UNEA6 and its subsequent resolution on MEAs, in order to ensure alignment of the global goals of UNEP with MEAs mandates. My delegation also thinks that the opportunity of having three COPs before the end of the year should be seized to involve these MEAs in the process of consultation;

Regarding the part of the MTS related to the considerations for the Guidance Phase, and especially the diversification of the funding base and as it was highlighted yesterday in the discussions on financial outlook, it is advisable that UNEP puts more emphasis on the private sector in its resource mobilization strategy.

Mr Chair,

My delegation will be looking forward to a more in depth discussion on the future MTS and the road map, based on the recommendations that will result from the discussions on this topic at this Annual subcommittee meeting. In this regard Morocco supports the proposition of Netherlands to schedule more meetings at the level of the subcommittee including informal meetings that should serve the purpose of forging a consensus on a robust and efficient roadmap. I thank you.