11th Annual Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

Agenda Item 3 d): Coordination within the UN system on the environment through the Environment Management Group -EMG-

Colombia's Statement

Our delegation welcomes and commends the collaborative effort and significant work undertaken by the UN Environment Management Group to address the challenges of biodiversity loss and pollution in a systematic and collaborative manner within the United Nations system, through the common approaches.

We agree that this is the path to follow to ensure coherence in these matters among all agencies, programs, and bodies of the system, avoiding duplications and enhancing contributions that add to the results from the different mandates and work programs of the agencies.

We highlight that the common approach to biodiversity, which supports the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Framework, has among its areas of impact: human rights, peaceful societies, as well as institutions, accountability, and justice.

These areas include progress on issues such as the environmental rule of law and the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. In addition, the presentation mentions the promotion of environmental justice as one of the outcomes of the support provided to States.

With that in mind, we would appreciate if you could elaborate a little bit on the progress that has been made in these areas.

We would also be grateful if you could provide more details on how the mandate of the Global Biodiversity Framework, which states that all of its components, including targets and objectives, must be understood, implemented and evaluated in accordance with the Considerations for the implementation of the Framework contained in Section C, which includes a human rights-based approach, is being addressed.

Thank you.