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Mr. Chair, Excellencies, Madam Executive Director, and colleagues,

Mr. Chair, Tanzania will be expressing itself on the various agenda items at the appointed time. However, as a way of setting the tone for our engagement in the meeting, allow me to make general remarks on behalf of my delegation.

At the outset, Tanzania aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the African Group and the Group of 77 + China.

We extend our gratitude to you, Mr. Chair, the CPR Bureau, and the UNEP Secretariat for the excellent preparations and organization of this meeting. It is a pleasure to see everyone gathered here, ready for deliberations on the proposed agenda items.

We appreciate the well-balanced agenda for the next five days, believing it is useful for overseeing member states' roles with the Secretariat. We also commend the Secretariat's efforts in preparing working documents, presentations, and reports that provide an overall view of UNEP's work, including at the country level.

Tanzania is firmly committed to environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, and the promotion of sustainable practices. With our rich natural resources, diverse ecosystems, and unique wildlife, we recognize the urgent need to preserve our environment for present and future generations.

We place great value on multilateral cooperation in addressing global environmental issues. We commend the collaborative efforts of the United Nations Environment Programme and its partners in driving environmental sustainability, fostering green technologies, and enhancing capacity-building initiatives to effectively address environmental challenges.

As we convene to deliberate on the implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget, the financial outlook of UNEP, and preparations for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 7), Tanzania stands ready to actively engage in constructive dialogue, share experiences, and contribute to collective efforts aimed at achieving our shared environmental objectives.

In conclusion, Tanzania reaffirms its unwavering commitment to upholding environmental integrity, promoting sustainable development, and advancing the global environmental agenda. We look forward to robust discussions, knowledgesharing, and collaborative actions that will propel us towards a more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient future for all.

Thank you for your attention