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**Statement of the Kingdom of Morocco on
Agenda Item 3 (e): “Contribution of the regional forums of ministers of the environment and
environment authorities to the UNEP Medium-term Strategy and Programme of Work”**

First of all, and on behalf of the Kingdom of Morocco, I would like to express our alignment with the statement read by Egypt on behalf of the 77+China.

Morocco also welcomes the adoption of the Resolution 6/3 of UNEA6 on enhancing the role and viability of regional forums of Ministers of Environment and United Nations Environment Programme regional offices in achieving multilateral cooperation in tackling environmental challenges;

Our thanks go also to Mme Executive Director for initiating the implementation of resolution 6/3 through the inclusion of this topic, in the agenda of this Annual subcommittee meeting.

My delegation strongly supports the important role that UNEP has played and is continuing to play in supporting the forums of Ministers of environment, including AMCEN, in terms of technical assistance, capacity building and resource mobilization. Morocco considers that the role of UNEP, as secretariat, should be further enhanced including through the strengthening of the regional offices and their provision with sufficient human and financial resources;

These regional forums have played a leading role in advocating for the environment and sustainable development, at the national, regional and international levels. Numerous programs, initiatives and activities have been developed, with UNEP tremendous support, to facilitate the effective implementation of its mandate for environmental protection;

Thanks to its strong unifying capacity, **AMCEN has succeeded in bringing together governments, institutions and their development partners**, to discuss and develop common positions on important issues at the regional and global levels, including the 2030 Agenda; the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and all the issues that are at core of the agenda of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP;

AMCEN has contributed enormously to enhancing the African region participation and active involvement in global negotiations, including during the negotiations of international environmental agreements. Its valuable work and approach has also produced a positive impact in addressing environmental issues in the region. AMCEN as well as other existing regional Forums of Environment Ministers have been able to elaborate and implement many concrete measures in relation with regional policy development, awareness-raising, advocacy, coordination, networking, knowledge management and dissemination, and training;

The impactful work of these Regional Ministers Environment Forums **demonstrates the need to develop a bottom up and harmonized approach that will allow those Regional Forums to be involved in** the preparation of the UNEP MTS and the program of work. More importantly national priorities of member states of the regions which are usually reflected in the outcomes and decisions of these Regional Forums of the Minister of environment have to be taken into account by the MTS and program of work of UNEP

We are looking forward to a strong relationship between those regional forums of Environment Ministers and UNEP so that the work made at the level of the region is consistent with the strategy on environment at the global level, thus meeting the objectives in addressing environmental issues at the regional and national levels.

In this regard, we will also be looking forward towards the development of the report on the role and viability of the regional forums of ministers of the environment and environment authorities and for **the summary of the findings** to be considered by the Committee of Permanent Representatives and by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its seventh session, as called for by resolution 6/3.

I thank you.