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Statement of the Kingdom of Morocco on

**Agenda Item 4: Financial outlook, opportunities and challenges
for the United Nations Environment Programme of Work”**

Thank you Mr Chair,

First of all, I would like to align my country’s position to the statement read by Egypt on behalf of the G77+China. I would like also to thank the secretariat for the very insightful and clear presentations made on this topic, and commend all the efforts made by UNEP and its leadership for the resource mobilization.

Morocco is proud to be among the long term and reliable contributors to UNEP and for honouring its full share.

On the other hand, it is striking to see in the presentation that 40% of the funds received are tightly earmarked with only 3% soft marked, thus compromising the flexibility that UNEP should have. While appreciating the donor countries for their important contributions to the operational work of UNEP, we encourage them to give some more flexibility to the organisation;

Mr Chair,

If more than 50% of member states do not contribute to UNEP, we have to ask the question, if this is an issue of ownership? Or if it is rather an issue of communication and outreach? Why many member states are contributing to MEAs and not to UNEP specifically when all member states agreed more than 10 years ago in RIO to support UNEP and strengthen its mandate? These are questions as a food for thought to help address the issue of funding. We’ve heard some of the elements spoken by some distinguished delegates that should also be taken into consideration.

As a recommendation, Morocco would invite UNEP to revamp its resource mobilization strategy and outreach strategy towards member States and other partners, and to conduct a survey in order to clarify the reasons behind this situation, as a mean to find a solution in terms of getting the necessary resources to its work.

I thank you Mr Chair.