

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the  
United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi – Kenya,**

**Islamic Republic of Iran's Opening Statement**

**July 8, 2024**

Excellency Mr Firas Khouri, Chair of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives  
Excellency Madame Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP  
Excellency Madame Elizabeth Mrema Deputy Executive Director  
Distinguished Delegates,

This delegation associate itself with the statement delivered by Egypt on behalf of G77 and China,

At the outset I would like to thank the Secretariat for the preparation of the working documents for this Annual Subcommittee Meeting.

In regards to the “Medium-Term Strategy”, I would like to indicate that it must be carried out in a holistic, balanced, and facilitative manner, considering all thematic areas, and in light of equity particularly take into consideration the interests and concerns of all developing countries.

My delegation firmly believes that the UNEP should follow the principle of non-politicization of the work, avoiding discussions on issues outside the Programme's mandate. In this regard, it should be indicated that unilateral sanctions have also prevented my country to pay its assessed contributions and being prevented from accessing the funds allocated to it by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

We would like to appreciate the efforts of the secretariat in formulating the concept notes on the proposed themes of UNEA-7 and emphasize that it should be based on consensus and the outcomes of previous UNEA and taking into

consideration the interests and concerns of all countries. We believe that First item of proposed themes of UNEA-7 “Forging Tomorrow: Pathways to a Liveable and Resilient Planet” can address better the environmental challenges of all countries.

My delegation takes this opportunity to highlight the true spirit of multilateralism for the realization of sustainable development goals. We need to guarantee the means of implementation, including international and regional financial resources from all sources, promote the provision, transfer of advanced technology, build capacity and provide support for the countries. The implementation of current arrangements of international cooperation for technology development and transfer, as well as capacity building, are insufficient to meet climate objectives and contribute to sustainable development.

The environmental crisis, including land degradation, water crisis, floods, desertification, and finally the terrible phenomenon of sand and dust storms has become a huge and serious human crisis that we expect to address among other environmental challenges that face our planet in upcoming UNEP reports. Align with the G77 and China’s Statement, we stress the implementation of all resolutions adopted in UNEA-6 including Sand and Dust Storms (SDSs), as a global environmental concern severely affecting the health, food security and livelihoods of millions of people across the world.

My delegation would like to express its deep concern over the increasing negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures on the environment and natural resources leading to serious violations of human rights of the targeted population and strongly condemn the continued unilateral application of such measures, which result in various environmental trans-boundary and trans-generational implications for present and future generations.

Thank you Mr. Excellency Chair