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**AGENDA ITEM 4: Report of the Executive Director to the 167th meeting of the
Committee of Permanent Representatives**

Mr. Chair,
Madame Executive Director,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Asia Pacific Group.

At the outset, I would like to join others in welcoming new PRs and new DPRs to Nairobi. Karibuni Kenya. At the same time, we also bid farewell to the outgoing PRs and DPRs, and wish them all the success in their future endeavour.

Mr. Chair,
Madame Executive Director,

The APG thanks Madame ED and her team for preparing this quarterly report, as well as for the presentation by the ED just now.

We take note of the significant global developments mentioned in the report, including UNEP's participation and important inputs in various meetings, especially those for the ECOSOC, SIDS4, and the organizational meeting of the preparatory commission for the entry into force of the BBNJ.

As for the preliminary assessment on the environmental impacts of the war in Gaza, referred to in the ED quarterly report, we welcome the report that was issued by UNEP on June 18 in response to the official request of the State of Palestine and we look forward to the final report.

These undertakings reflect the ever-increasing importance of UNEP in the global arena, and the need for strengthening collaboration with member states.

Mr. Chair,

Madame Executive Director,

We appreciate UNEP's activities and initiatives in our region. We encourage UNEP to continue strengthening its regional offices and reorienting its work to do more to support UN resident coordinators to ensure that UNEP initiatives respond to the needs of the target countries, maximizing the impact to local communities.

With regard to human resources issue, APG continues to request UNEP secretariat to increase representation from the Asia Pacific region.

APG is a very dynamic and diverse group, but we are together hand-in-hand in our commitment to advance the global environment agenda and to continue our close collaboration with UNEP.

Mr. Chair,
Madame Executive Director,

In the coming months, there will be various COPS and INC meetings on the many environmental challenges we face: biodiversity loss, climate change, plastic pollution, desertification, to just to name a few.

APG is of the view that the UNEP Secretariat is in a good position to support member states to prepare themselves for the upcoming COPs and INC meetings above.

Mr. Chair,
Madame Executive Director,

In closing, I would like to reiterate our group's commitment to continue engaging closely with UNEP and member states to bolster our cooperation.

I thank you.