

- Excellency Mr. Chair,
  - Madam the Executive Director,
  - Excellencies Ladies and Gentlemen, all Protocols observed,
  - Ladies and gentlemen,
1. On the Agenda Item 4 regarding the report of Executive Director to the 167<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) for the period between April and June 2024, the Democratic Republic of the Congo commend the Executive Director for the quality, completeness and detailed nature of her report, highlighting the effectiveness of her work within the organisation and her ability to constructively involve all Member States and stakeholders in the organisations' efforts.
  2. Furthermore, my country would like to register its admiration to her team for the extraordinary work done in data collection and the presentation of those multiple and elaborate data as contained in this report.
  3. At the global level, my delegation takes note of the emphasis put in significant developments as presented in the report, including in the celebration of the World Environment Day; the UN General Assembly Sustainability Week; the UN Secretary General's Panel on Critical Energy Transition Minerals; the Environmental dimension

of SDG16 on peace, justice and strong institutions ; the UN decade on ecosystem restoration ; as well as other global substantial events as singled out in the abovementioned report.

4. At the regional level, my delegation welcomes the emphasis put on the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD 10), during which the UNEP contributed to guide discussions, highlighting the need for an accrued impetus in favour of the Agenda 2063 of the African Union for Sustainable development.
  
5. In regard with financial resources and core funding of the UNEP, my country aligns itself with the statement made the Group of 77 + China calling for more clarity on the UNEP's vision on the contribution by philanthropy organisations and their distribution among the thematic programmes of our organisation. In the same vein, we would like to voice our call for a fair geographic representation in order to take in more human resources from regions that are poorly represented.

Thank you!