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**Statement of Morocco on Agenda Item 5: Development of a medium-term strategy for the period 2026-2029 and a draft programme of work and budget for the period 2026-2027.**

- First of All, thank you for the updated document outlining the stages for the development of a medium-term strategy for the period 2026-2029;
- Morocco aligns itself with the statement made by Egypt on behalf of the G77+China, and with the statement made by the Ambassador of the State of Palestine on behalf of the Arab Group.
- We had an initial good discussion during the 11 Annual Subcommittee meeting last July on the future MTS, mainly on the parameters that should guide its elaboration;
- My delegation seizes this opportunity to reiterate UNEA6 decision 6/7 underlining the development of the next MTS through open, transparent and inclusive dialogues with Member States, taking into account the views of Major groups, MEAs, and the private sector, and we are pleased to hear Madam ED confirming this approach.
- The new MTS should be based on the priorities and needs of Member States, It should also take on board the regional perspectives, and in this regard, **contributions of regional forums of Ministers of Environment will be very useful and fundamental** to have the next MTS practical, impactful and responsive to regional priorities.
- Morocco concurs with everybody on the importance of having the new MTS benefit from the lessons learned from existing sub-programmes, management operations and financial issues. Lessons learnt should be strategic and analytic to improve UNEP operations and performance;
- Morocco, as reiterated during the 11th ASC, by many countries is in favour of adding as much consultations as possible to make sure that the new MTS is insightful, practical, responsive to the needs and priorities of Member States and their regions, and fully operational.
- The new MTS while building on the previous MTS Subprograms, should be forward looking and comprehensive enough to address many of the emerging issues, **such as the issue of desertification, land degradation and drought**, and also some issues highlighted in the foresight report, which we discussed last Tuesday, provided that integration of some aspects in the report are agreed upon by Member States;

- Discussions should shape and achieve a broad-based consensus on the key issues and priority areas to be placed at the core of the future MTS.
- Finally, Morocco is looking forward to the preliminary draft of the MTS, in the first quarter of 2025, and on the discussions that will follow. We hope that the preliminary draft could be available at least 3 weeks before the October meeting, to allow good time for its consideration by member states and for concertation at the level of regional groups.

I Thank you.