

## **Subcommittee meeting CPR**

### **Secretariat briefing on the outcome seventh Global Environment Outlook and on the development of the GEO-7 Summary for Policy Makers**

#### **Colombia's statement**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair, for giving me the floor. Our delegation would like to thank the Secretariat for this briefing on the outcome of the process for the development of GEO-7, and we would like to congratulate the progress made in the preparation of this important report.

In particular, we would like to highlight the sections on the drivers and pressures of environmental change and the policy responses and pathways.

We commend that the policies address the systems that are the root cause of environmental degradation, aiming to contribute to the transformative change needed to achieve an environmentally sustainable world by 2050.

In this context, it introduces the concepts of levers and entry points, highlighting the opportunities and barriers for this transformative change, including institutional and political aspects such as governance and inclusiveness, as well as issues like equity, justice, and diverse knowledge systems, such as Indigenous and local knowledge, within the GEO-7 framework.

It is considered highly important that the final chapter, entitled "Driving the Transformations," brings together insights from the outlooks and policy responses to discuss 'how' these transformations could happen and the role of different stakeholders in the transformations, explaining 'the who'.

With regard to the report, my delegation would like to raise a few questions:

1. Is there any coordination in the drafting of this report with the Global Foresight Report on Planetary Health and Well-being, in particular with regard to the key messages proposed in that report?
2. How does GEO-7 address the issues of informality and illegality, which contribute significantly to planetary crises, especially in developing countries, and are often overlooked in formal institutional reports?
3. How do you overcome the fragmentation of global environmental issues resulting from the three Rio de Janeiro Conventions? Despite repeated calls for coordination, these Conventions have specific mandates that countries often invoke to avoid a simultaneous approach to these issues and responses.

Thank you very much