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Madam Chairperson

Executive Director

Distinguished Delegates

Kenya is delighted to have this opportunity to reflect on the recently concluded UNEA-2.

We fully align ourselves with the statement made by the distinguished Ambassador of Argentina on behalf of the G77 and China.

Madam Chairperson

I thank you the Executive Director for the stock taking report. It was as usual very thoughtful.

Considering that this is your last CPR, i would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to you for your commitment and dedication to the important work being carried out by UNEP.

It is under your able leadership that UNEP was strengthened and upgraded leading to the establishment of our present governing body-UNEA.

Mr. Steiner, your modesty and single-minded devotion to duty has been simply amazing.

Here in Kenya, we will miss you.

We wish you all the very best.

Madam Chairperson

UNEA-2 was indeed a great success. We adopted 25 resolutions.

I believe the statement by G77 and China was very comprehensive on evaluation of UNEA-2.

In the interest of brevity and to avoid repetition, i would like to touch on three issues.

As regards the format of the high-level dialogue, the time allocated for the discussion on the policy dialogue was not sufficient. This could be improved in future.

There were too many parallel working groups both formal and informal. This presented a challenge to the smaller member state delegations. This is a matter that we should consider resolving.

It was unfortunate that we could not reach an agreement on the outcome document. I believe that in future, discussions on an outcome document should start early enough to ensure effective engagement and inclusivity.

I believe we should not let the challenges we experienced towards the closure of the meeting detract from our achievements.

We commend the secretariat for the commitment to their work and for ensuring adequate technical support throughout the sessions.

Madam Chairperson, we also thank you for your able stewardship.

I am convinced that the lessons we learn from our experiences will be critical to our future success at UNEA-3.

We should continue to build on UNEAs achievements.

Finally Madam Chairperson, I reaffirm my delegations continued committment to working closely with other Member States to ensure UNEP delivers on its mandate.

Thank you for your attention!