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PLENIPOTENTIARY AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NAIROBI, AT
137TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES TO UNEP, HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2017**

Madam Chair;
Executive Director;
Excellences;
Ladies and Gentleman;

We fully support the statements that will be made by Their Excellences Permanent Representatives of Pakistan and Uganda on behalf of G 77 and China and African Group respectively.

Madam Chair,

I would like to thank the Executive Director for his comprehensive report and for all the hard work since your appointment towards a better environment.

We would like to echo the concern expressed by the Colombian Representative in a Note Verbal circulated earlier this month to the update on UN Environment

Organogram. The Member States must have time to consider any changes to the organization before those changes are effective, and this was not the case.

Madam Chair,

Finally, and in order to avoid a second intervention I would like to, first of all, thank the President of the Environment Assembly for the effort reaching out to other audiences to make the Environment Assembly more visible, but we think that it should also reach out to the UN Office in Vienna. Vienna is the house of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), among others, and we cannot address pollution without the industry.

I thank you.