

**EU/MS comments on
Review of implementation of the Environment Governance Subprogramme
4th Annual meeting of the Sub-Committee of the CPR**

Documents: Deep dive presentation on environmental governance (see website ASC-4)

Comments:

- EU/MS would like to note that policy coherence and synergies are key to a global response to environmental challenges. This requires increased coordination among the UN system as well as a collaborative approach to achieve this and we therefore support the 3 main areas of focus in the subprogramme.
- Successful implementation of this subprogramme, both at the country level and the international level, will confirm UNEP's role as the global environmental authority within the UN system.
- EU/MS would like to congratulate UNEP on its good results in the implementation of this subprogramme. We welcome in particular progress in embedding environmental issues in the UN system through EMG, UNDAFs etc. and agree with the importance of SDG 16 for good environmental policies. At the same time we recognize that uptake of UNEP's work by other bodies still needs to be improved. The Agenda 2030 offers new opportunities in this context e.g. through integration of environmental dimension into HLPF reviews of progress, including also FFD and STI Forum.
- We see the main added value of UNEP at the normative level and building partnerships with others.
- We would appreciate if further details could be provided on the concrete actions UNEP has undertaken, in particular on promoting a cohesive and coordinated global response to environmental threats and opportunities.
- We would also be interested in knowing more about the way UNEP assess the follow-up and the impact of capacity building actions and how UNEP identifies the emerging issues.
- We would also encourage UNEP to work on a definition of "environmental rule of law". We would be interested to hear about UNEP's contribution to the UN Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group.
- Furthermore we appreciate the overview of challenges identified in the last slide and are interested to hear UNEP further clarifications on the concrete activities considered to address these.