

**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR ANTHONY ANDANJE,
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DURING THE 138TH COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT
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KENYA.**

Thank you for giving me the floor.

Madam Chair,

1. Let me begin by commending you on your leadership and commitment to the important work being carried out by our Committee.
2. My delegation associates itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of Zimbabwe and Pakistan on behalf of the African Group and G77 and China respectively.
3. We welcome the Executive Directors progress update including special updates on: UN Environment's engagement in the different regions of the world, efforts to enhance the implementation of sustainable development goals, and the Business Transformation and Change Initiative within UNEP, UN-Habitat and UNON.
4. We highly value the considerable efforts being made and in particular, the active engagement with all stakeholders.
5. We are convinced all these activities will contribute significantly to our collective efforts to enhance the UN Environment's visibility.

Madam Chair

6. Kenya is pleased with the steady progress being made with regard to the preparatory arrangements for the Third Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.
7. We welcome the consensus on the need to have one broad theme on pollution.
8. Needless to state, pollution is indeed a major global challenge impacting health and the environment. It would therefore be fitting for UNEA-3 to pronounce itself with a very strong and clear ministerial outcome document on the matter.
9. As regards the issue of extending invitations to some world leaders to headline UNEA-3, my delegation is ready to work with the Secretariat towards this end.
10. We are convinced their presence, voice and visibility would underline UNEA's role as the global environment authority.
11. Finally, Madam Chair, I would like to reaffirm my delegations commitment to supporting the important work being carried out by UN Environment in the discharge of its mandate and objectives.

12. Kenya will continue to work closely and constructively with other Member States to ensure a successful UNEA-3.
13. On paragraph 8 of the Chairs summary for the 4th Annual sub-committee meeting of the CPR, Kenya fully shares the sentiments expressed by Egypt and Japan.
14. The paragraph should be deleted.

Thank you for your attention.