

# Costa Rica



## SPECIAL MISSION TO UN ENVIRONMENT

### **Short statement by the Costa Rican Special Mission to UN Environment and the UN Environment Assembly Presidency, following the Fourth Annual Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and the 138th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives**

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Excellency's, representatives, and colleagues at UN Environment,

Following the Fourth Annual Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives held from 6-9 March 2017 in Nairobi, and the 138th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 10 March 2017, the Costa Rica Special Mission to UN Environment and the UN Environment Assembly Presidency would like to make the following short statement.

The President of the UN Environment Assembly, H.E. Mr. Edgar Gutiérrez, and the Costa Rican Ambassador on Special Mission, H.E. Ms. Marta E. Juárez, would like to congratulate Member States, major groups, the Chair and Bureau of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the Secretariat of UN Environment, its Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, staff, and all stakeholders, upon the successful conclusion of the Fourth Annual Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

We applaud the incredible amount of work done and thank you for your extraordinary efforts to turn this Annual Subcommittee Meeting into one of the best annual subcommittee meetings held so far, if not the very best.

We are very pleased with the significant results attained during the Fourth Annual Subcommittee Meeting and commend the excellent progress achieved on the meeting's agenda items, covering budget, programme performance, implementation of UN Environment's work on its seven subprogrammes, the contribution of the Environment Assembly to the High Level Political Forum, and the preparations for the Third Session of the Environment Assembly to be held in December 2017.

We are particularly grateful to those Member States that have announced further financial contributions and pledges towards the 2017 Environment Assembly with the aim to help closing the funding gap that we face. We truly hope other Member States will soon follow this great example.

We look forward to working closely with you over the next nine months towards a very successful, visible, actionable and impactful 2017 Environment Assembly.

Thank you very, very much, for your substantive efforts made so far, and for supporting a successful 2017 Environment Assembly with a lasting impact for all of us, leaving no one behind.

Thank for your attention.