

**Intervention by the United States of America on the GPA presentation, including the questions we asked.**

We thank the Secretariat for this briefing and would like to raise some specific question about the options presented in the background document.

We would like to start with one specific question. As the GPA Trust Fund has not been supported by Member States since 2011, does that mean that the GPA is currently funded by the UNEP Environment Fund?

More generally, it would be helpful for us if the Secretariat could clearly define the associated administrative, organizational, and financial implications for Options A and B.

Option B notes that the programme will be strengthened but that the additional funds will come from the commitments made at the UN Environment Assembly. What does this entail for Member States' contribution? Are Member States expected to contribute at the same level and UNEP would reallocate funds OR would additional funds be required from Member States under Option B?

The document says that the Coordination Office costs \$1 million. It would be helpful to learn more about the staffing support provided for the Coordination Office and for implementation of the Program. For instance, how many staff work for the GPA and how much of their time is dedicated to the GPA versus other UNEP duties?

Final question, how and when will Member States have the opportunity to offer alternative elements to the options presented? Can you please clarify the process and next steps beyond today's meeting?