

China's comments on Agenda item 4 document "Progress
Update on the Establishment of the China-Africa
Environmental Cooperation Centre"

1. China would like to reiterate that the China-Africa Environmental Cooperation Centre is an open, transparent and inclusive platform for cooperation. China welcomes the participation of all interested UNEA Member States and partners in this platform to promote capacity building in the field of environmental protection for African Countries.

2. China has the following specific comments for the progress update:
 - a) Regarding the composition of the Interim Secretariat, China deems it appropriate to involve 2 staff at current stage: one D1 level officer to oversee the operation of the Interim Secretariat, and one P level officer to play a facilitating role. It is therefore unnecessary to involve another P level officer at this stage.

 - b) China is considering positively to make China Trust Fund available for the above-mentioned staffing

cost once UNEP approaches us with updated arrangements.

3. The work plan and modality of the interim secretariat should be based on consultations among relevant parties including China and Kenya.
4. China would like to raise our reservation on the releasing of such document on CPR portal , and further emphasize that documents relevant to the China-Africa Environmental Cooperation Centre should be consulted with China and Kenya prior to the releasing.