

Intervention by Malawi on the Second Day and under item ‘‘Means of Implementation’’ during *Informal Consultations Under General Assembly Resolution 73/333 Of 30 August 2019*

I thank you Co-facilitators for this opportunity to contribute to the item under discussion. And greeting to all members states members of specialised agencies and all stakeholders participating in this session.

My delegation wishes to contribute to this important issue of implementation and means of implementation.

Malawi believes that mainstreaming at country or member state level of environment into sectoral policies and programs at all levels including national development plans is critical for environmental protection.

We believe that mainstreaming is a key enabler or mechanism to achieve the implementation of existing environmental law and applicable environment-related instruments. We note that across UNEP activities, mainstreaming is a key task or deliverable. However, we also note that there’s a sort of haphazard manner or disjointed manner in which this carried out. And we would want to encourage coordination so that effective delivery of programmes, prudent use of resources and maximisation of results is achieved. Malawi believes that mainstreaming as a general principle also helps leverage and synergise funding and resources. It further assists in creating awareness in other sectors that are not environment related.

Therefore, going forward, my delegation’s view is that mainstreaming should become a key corporate strategy for UNEP. In addition, UNEP needs to consider putting much emphasis on ensuring national level implementation to draw lessons and encourage mainstreaming in other sectors.

I thank you for your attention.