

Opening Remarks of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the First Informal Consultation
On Implementation of Resolution 73/333

Thank you Madam Co-facilitator,

Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, allow me to appreciate the co-facilitators for the valuable efforts they made in following up the implementation of UNGA Res. 73/333 in the CPR of UNEP, as the key decision-making body in the ongoing consultations of the intersessional period and the leading role of UNEA-5.

The Islamic republic of Iran would like to align itself to the remarks made by the group of 77 and China in which reiterated the global role of UNEP in implementing the process.

As we all know, this process is sourced in the reaffirmation of the Res. 73/333 along with the para 88 of **“the future we want”** and other UN documents to strengthening the implementation of International environmental law and International environmental Governance under the role of UNEP as a sustainable development natured concern which in our view, should be refrained from politicizing the process. Reaching the inclusive outcome needs a balanced approach which contains a maximum participation of member states and addresses the diverse perspectives particularly of the developing countries.

The ongoing process and political declaration should be people centered, recognizing the eradication of poverty as the greatest global challenge and requirement for sustainable development and relies on the provisions and mobilization of means of implementation, namely; financing, technology transfer, technical assistance and capacity building in the environmental spectrum and the synergies among MEAs.

These Reinforced actions needs enhanced support which is crucial in the current situation of the world, especially for developing countries that are facing the widespread financial difficulties and implications arisen from the Global Covid-19 pandemic. In order

to enhance coping with this situation, we should focus on the instrumental role of the recommendations which we already reached consensus in the UN system such as outcome document of the United Nations conference on sustainable development and the well-established principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

Ladies and gentlemen,

We are here to discuss various dimensions of implementations of UNGA Res. 73/333 which contains the financial tools which benefits from the increased international supports for the multilateralism, but the Islamic Republic of Iran is a victim of the illegal unilateral sanctions, which politically deprives my country from its definite right to benefit from financial sources. As we always warn about politicization of environmental means, this is important to bear in mind during the whole process and setting up necessary arrangements in order to prevent such unilateral action.

Thank you Mr. Chair