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Morocco's statement during the general debate
of the subcommittee meeting on UNEP@50

- At the outset, the delegation of Morocco would like to thank the secretariat for the very extensive briefing and the background documents made available for member states related to the preparations of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of UNEP (UNEP@50);
- The delegation of Morocco wishes to underline that the general consensus on making of the special session of UNEP@50 an opportunity to take stock of achievements, challenges and Lessons learned in environmental governance will contribute to guaranteeing a universal ownership of the commemoration by member states where they will be able to share actions, initiatives and processes launched or being implemented, at the national level, according to the environment agenda, including challenges that member states are facing and want to overcome;
- Morocco wishes to take this opportunity to align itself with the African group statement as read out by the Ambassador of Egypt and is in full support with theme title as proposed by the regional group of GRULAC and enriched by the African group, which reads as follow ***“UNEP@50: Towards Implementation of the Environmental Dimension of Sustainable Development for the Future we want”***.
- While sharing the defined objective of the special session as set out in the secretariat background note, the Moroccan delegation is seeking clarifications from the secretariat on some questions that it would like to raise:
 1. Regarding the nature of the outcome document for the special session, whether it is going to be a “political declaration”, “key messages” or a “chair’s summary”, and since we have two political declarations on the table, **one that will be discussed and finalized at UNEA5.2**, and a **second political declaration to be adopted as a follow up to the 73/333 resolution**, the delegation of Morocco is of the view, that key messages from the special session of UNEP@50 be incorporated in the text of the political declaration on resolution 73/333, **thus avoiding adoption of many declarations and streamlining our work towards an efficient, implementable, focused and impactful declaration that will mark the way forward.**
 2. The other issue Morocco would like to raise is linked with the proposition by the secretariat of having 3 thematic funds and would seek clarification on how the 3 proposed funds will be financed? Are they going to be financed from the ordinary contributions or from voluntary contributions by Member States? And how they are

going to be impactful, in terms of efficiency, on the implementation of UNEP's programs?

3. As far as the structure of the special session is concerned, Morocco supports the proposed format as drafted by the secretariat and would like to raise some questions regarding: **(i) the level of representation** at the high level meetings: is it going to be at the level of Head of States, Head of Governments or Ministers? The answer to this question is fundamental to allow governments of member states to better prepare their participation to the special session; **(ii) Indications on the topics** for the high level dialogues, round tables and side events that will mark the special session, and in this regard, Morocco **(iii) is proposing that the topic of the “right to a healthy environment”** be incorporated in the discussions of the special session of UNEP@50 and also in the outcome document to send a powerful message to communities and countries struggling with climate hardship that they are not left behind. Such topic will also be a positive response from UNEP to the **bold action called for by the Human Rights Council who had adopted, last week, the unprecedented resolution that recognises the right to a health environment as a human right.**