



Statement from the Children and Youth Major Group Response to the interventions on the 157th Meeting of Committee of Permanent Representatives on 1st February 2022

Agenda Item 4.d : Update on the preparation of multi-stakeholder events of the Assembly, including on UNEA-5 leadership and multi-stakeholder dialogues, UNEA Side Events and the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum.

Thank you madam chair for the floor.

I am Alejandro Luque, from Ecuador, talking on behalf of the Children and Youth Major group. We would like to address this in agenda item no 4 to make a brief Update on Youth events that have been planned in the coming weeks.

We are pleased to share with you that the global Youth Environment Assembly will be held in a hybrid format based out of Nairobi from 19th February - 27th February. Due to Covid protocols, there will be around 100 youth representatives attending in person, of which upto 40 are expected to be fully funded youth delegates. We are grateful to certain member states and the UNEP secretariat that have provided funding to make this happen.

Specifically, the youth assembly will take place on the weekend Before OECPR on the 19th and 20th February, and then again on the Friday and weekend before UNEA, that is 25th, 26th and 27th February. On the 25th, 26th, the Youth Environment Assembly will also feature the first part of the Stockholm +50 youth pre event, on which we are going to share the youth and multi stakeholder ideas around youth engagement. We are grateful for the ongoing cooperation on this with youth organizations and groups across the world, and also the office of UN Secretary General Youth Envoy for their support.

We are pleased to share with you that a total of 2400 applications were received for funded in-person participation. The registration for the virtual aspects of the YEA will open this weekend and building on from engagement past the year, we are expecting this to be the planet's largest youth led event.

We welcome everyone who is interested in joining us for a dialogue with Youth during OECPR or UNEA, to reach out to us, as well if there is any feedback. The agenda and further details will be shared soon. We will also be happy to make a detailed presentation on this at the upcoming subcommittee meeting on the 3rd of February including an update on COVID protocol for the event.

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With this, we would like to request the UNEP Secretariat to provide spaces for the youth constituency to present their outcomes to the sessions of UNEA, especially in the leadership dialogue of both UNEA 5 and UNEP@50 where we want to nominate a youth speaker. We hope this request can be facilitated.

Thank you for the floor.

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