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**Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee meeting Comments by the delegation
of Costa Rica on Agenda Item 2: Inputs to the 2022
High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable
Development**

The delegation of Costa Rica welcomes the streamlined second draft contribution of the UN Environment Assembly to the 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Costa Rica welcomes the contributions prepared by the Secretariat and all the Key messages for inclusion into the Ministerial Declaration, particularly, the delegation of Costa Rica outlines the importance to:

-Where it reads “planetary crisis” it should also explicitly mention “climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.”

-To explicitly maintain the paragraph: *Promotion and strengthening of nature-based solutions for SDG 14, SDG 15, to address effectively and adaptively social, economic and environmental challenges, such as biodiversity loss, climate change, land degradation, desertification, food security, disaster risks, urban development, water availability, poverty eradication, inequality, unemployment, as well as social and sustainable economic development, human health and a large range of ecosystem services.*”

-To explicitly maintain the paragraph: *“Promote and strengthen ecosystem-based approaches and nature-based solutions, including by reducing deforestation and forest degradation and by protecting, conserving, sustainably managing and restoring degraded land, soil and ecosystems that provide us with food, water and energy, are habitats for biodiversity, and provide carbon storage and sequestration, thus yielding multiple benefits across the economic, social and environmental domains and underpinning the efforts to achieve the SDGs.”*

Thank you.