## KENYA'S GENERAL STATEMENT

## THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES' (CPR) MEETING,

## NAIROBI, 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022

Madam Executive Director,

Chair of the CPR and

Esteemed Colleagues,

Kenya aligns itself with the remarks made on behalf of the Africa Group and the G77+China Statement and is delighted to take part in the 9th annual Sub-Committee Meeting of the CPR. It notes with optimism and enthusiasm the improving conditions of the severity of the impacts of COVID-19 that largely affected the in-person participation during the 8th annual Sub-Committee Meeting of the CPR.

Excellences, as the Gracious host of the UNEP Headquarters, My delegation wishes to appreciate the Secretariat for convening of this meeting and timely furnishing of the meeting documents to facilitate adequate preparation.

Kenya is indeed committed to playing a critical role in the indispensable solution focused work of UNEP in tackling the triple crisis, bio-diversity loss, pollution and Climate Change, the latter of which is wreaking havoc in the host country. As we speak, (11) Counties in the Republic of Kenya are currently in the ALARM Phase of drought while (9) Counties are categorized in the ALERT phase of the same.

Noting the relentless mitigation efforts being carried out by the Government, the profound evidence of the ever so imminent ravaging effects of Climate Change that we can all attest to, should be used as impetus to rapidly implement the Solutions we provide for the threat posed by Climate related disasters.

Excellencies, the upcoming week is meant to chart the course of action of UNEP for the near future, I urge you all to exercise astute sobriety as we deliberate on how to manage the threat of Climate Change.

My delegation is further concerned that the Sustainable Development Goals that deal with Climate Change are grossly underfunded as per the Secretariat's findings and I urge that this situation forms part of the Meeting's discussion and concluding with actionable recommendations.

In conclusion, your Excellencies, Kenya reminds that the discussions of the meeting should reflect all the principles of sound environmental management in their entire scope as detailed in the different Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

Madam Executive Director, Chair of the CPR and Esteemed Colleagues, as we celebrate the UN Day today, please allow me to wish you all a HAPPY UN DAY look forward to very fruitful deliberations.