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We thank the secretariat for their efforts and hard work, and for today's presentation, including interactive elements, and the participants of the panel for sharing their perspectives, insights and ideas and for stressing the urgency of this discussion.

We align ourselves with the EU and supports many of the points made by colleagues who spoke earlier.

We too consider this one of most important discussions of the week, as a lack of adequate funding hinders the full implementation of the MTS and Programme of Work, of UNEA resolutions and also the reform and efficiency agenda.

In particular predictable, multiannual unearmarked funding by member states is important to allow UNEP to deliver on its mandate, and live up to our expectations and the ambition we have together agreed on. That is why the Netherlands is principally in favour of multiannual unearmarked funding and continues to support UNEP in this manner.

The search for sufficient and quality funding is not new and not unique to UNEP, particularly in these days where the UN-System as a whole struggles and resources are more needed than ever. The Netherlands believes that especially now, in the context of the mutual commitments made under the Funding Compact, we should work together to find innovative ways of changing how we look at funding and taking a proactive attitude to find solutions.

The Netherlands would like to suggest a few avenues, that the secretariat and other member states could consider and that builds on what others before us have mentioned

- We encourage the secretariat to continue to make visible the work and results of UNEP, as the results UNEP achieves are its biggest selling point, and intensify its dialogue with potential donors
- Improve further the visibility for member states that contribute their fair share in unearmarked funding, and in particular top donors of multiannual core resources;

- Increased cooperation and partnerships with the International Financial Institutions to leverage their resources to allow UNEP to scale-up its work. We think this requires also strategic thinking in the project design to include as part of a sustainable exit strategy how the IFIs, or other UN agencies or actors, that build on the enabling work of UNEP;
- With a similar aim, we recommend enhanced use of pooled funds and joint programmes with other UN agencies to leverage the comparative advantages and funding of the UN system for the benefit of UNEP as it implements the MTS and Programme of Work;
- And a fifth avenue: Realistic budgeting based on focus and agreed priorities, and a joint effort of UNEP and its member states to avoid fragmentation and activities that fall outside of the scope of the Programme of Work.

And finally of course we encourage all member states to contribute their fair share or to consider contributions to the flexible thematic funds. Ultimately, we all benefit from a responsive and flexible UNEP, and that is only possible if it's adequately funded with reliable and quality funding.

Additionally, in-kind contributions can also help free up funds for other use, for example through JPOs, such as the Netherlands continuous to support annually, and contributions of knowledge institutes.

Mister chair, we look forward to continued discussion on this and of course also to the Chair's summary, and encourage that it contains clear recommendations based on our discussion to guide us over the coming period, including continuation of a structured dialogue on funding and resource mobilization, for which today's discussion forms a good basis.

Thank you