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> On Agenda Item 4. Financial outlook, opportunities and challenges for United Nations Environment Programme

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My name is Diljot Kaur Dhindsa, from Kenya speaking on behalf of the Children and Youth Major Group.

As this is a procedural agenda, we welcome and applaud the increased funding for UNEP, which demonstrates a collective commitment and urgency to multilateral action by member states.

As young people leading urgent and systematic efforts to address the triple planetary crisis, we strongly believe that supporting the environmental fund is a shared universal responsibility.

We emphasise the critical need for targeted investments in capacity-building programs for young people. Therefore, we propose a consideration of funding educational fellowships for advanced studies in environmental governance. We also encourage full contribution to accelerate greater achievement of UNEP program implementation and smooth running of regional offices.

We further extend our sincere gratitude to member states for their generous funding, which has been instrumental in supporting our Youth Environment Assembly and youth participation during UNEA6. This support has been crucial for empowering young voices in environmental governance.

Thank you chair for the floor,

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