Distinguished Delegates,

Let us now consider the outcomes of the 2022 session of the UN Environment Assembly. H. E. Ms. Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of the Kingdom of Morocco and President of the sixth UN Environment Assembly will share key messages and recommendations of UNEA with us.

Last March, I had the opportunity to participate in the Special Session of the UN Environment Assembly for the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the UN Environment Programme. The Assembly adopted historical resolutions that seek to contribute to the implementation of transformative actions to address the triple planetary crisis – climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution and waste.

Humans are inextricably interconnected with nature. By strengthening, accelerating and scaling-up actions to achieve the SDGs, we can make sure that we are not compromising the development and prosperity of future generations.

As a key instrument of the multilateral system, UNEA’s policy guidance enables Member States and other stakeholders to take transformative actions to ensure that the environmental dimension is fully integrated in the policy making on sustainable development.

Now is the moment to respond with urgency and accelerate actions to ensure the aspirations of the 2030 Agenda are fully achieved without delay.

I now invite the President of UNEA to share with us the outcomes of UNEA.