Statement of Republic of India

Agenda 5 (C): Environment and Development

Mr. Chair,

Climate change is one of the major global threats of our time, and there is an urgent need to work together for the shared objective of a greener, cleaner, and healthier planet.

India believes that climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts need to be guided by the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement, as the Global South continues to face the intense impacts of climate change. Therefore, we believe that global climate justice is at the core of our efforts. The principles of equity, and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC), are foundational to all work under the Convention and its Paris Agreement

Preservation of the environment has always been a central pillar of Indian civilization and culture. This has found reflection in the Government's policies and programme, including the National Action Plan on Climate Change and the National Clean Air Programme.

India has been at the forefront of supporting action-oriented steps at the global level in response to climate change.

India has achieved the 2015 NDC targets on emission intensity reduction and non-fossil based installed electricity generation capacity much earlier than 2030 and have further enhanced its ambition.

India's Renewable Energy Capacity has nearly tripled from its 2014 levels and the country is on the course to achieve the 500 GW target by 2030.

India has launched the Mission LiFE- Lifestyle for Environment to encourage the sustainable lifestyle practices at the global level. Mission LiFE inspires individuals, communities and societies to exercise choices and behaviors that focus on mindful utilization of resources.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched a campaign - 'Ek Ped Maa ke Naam' i.e. 'Plant for Mother' - on the occasion of World Environment Day in 2024, which exhorts everyone to plant a tree as a mark of love, respect and honour of our mother and Mother Earth. One billion saplings have been planted under the campaign already.

Further, India is leading several initiatives like the International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilience Infrastructure (CDRI), Global Biofuel Alliance, Leadership Group on Industry Transition and Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Industry

Coalition that have been launched with different partner countries, in pursuance of global climate actions.

We understand the especially challenging circumstances faced by the Small Island Developing States in the Pacific and in other parts of region. We have been working with them as their partners in their developmental and humanitarian efforts.

We reiterate our strong support to regional cooperation efforts to address the environmental challenges in the Asia-Pacific.

Thank you, Chair.