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**Statement by the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation
to the UN Mr.Dmitry Chumakov**

Mr. President,

The Russian Federation will join consensus on the **draft GA resolution “Scope, modalities, format and organization of the summit on biodiversity”** and we thank the co-facilitators for their work.

However, there are two important points of clarification that we would like to make on the text of the resolution that the General Assembly is about to adopt.

First, with regard to the “factual summary to reflect the discussions of the summit” referred to in the operative paragraph 13, it is our understanding that, based on the clarification received from the PGA Office, the President of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly is going to adhere to existing practice and circulate an unedited version of the factual summary within a specific timeframe for feedback from the membership, prior to circulation of a final version of the document.

Second, the time dedicated to the plenary segment of the Summit is very limited and, thus, disproportionate to the ambition and global nature of a United Nations event. We regret to state that a number of delegations did not pay appropriate attention to the inclusive character of the UN functioning in that particular instance. Nevertheless, according to the practice with other similar events, as well as assurances we received from different stakeholders, including the Secretariat and the PGA Office, we expect constructive efforts from all the parties concerned, so that the Summit proves to be inclusive, living up to its mandate and providing a possibility to speak for all delegations that might wish to do so.

We request that this statement be made part of the official records related to the adoption of the aforementioned draft resolution and circulated to all Member States. Thank you.