DRAFT UNON Director-General’s remarks for the Foreign Cadets Briefing at UNON

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Ambassador

UN colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

All Protocol observed

Welcome and thank you for taking the time to join us for this Foreign Cadets Briefing Day here at UNON.

This is the first day of Briefing Cadets that has been organized at UNON.

As you know, this compound is not just the only United Nations headquarters in Africa and the entire global South , Nairobi is also the global Headquarters of two very important UN programmes, the UNEP United Nations Environment Programme and the UN Human Settlements Programme, the only two glocal UN Programmes based in Africa.

This duty station also serves as a major hub for the UN system’s humanitarian, development, human rights and peace support operations in the region. With country, regional and global offices, this compound is an important center for the delivery of the UN’s vital assistance efforts in Kenya, in the regions and around the world.

Thank you again for coming today. I wish you all a pleasant event, and safe travels on your upcoming missions.

There is a proverb from Saint Augustine, the 5th century theologian and philosopher, that I wanted to share with you as a final note: “The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page.”

Thank you for your kind attention.