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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

I would also like to thank the three panelists for their presentations.

Waste management needs to become central to policy making at the national level, and governments should formulate national waste management strategies.

?The national strategy should define the principle of waste treatment so that the 3Rs, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, have priority and so that the remaining waste be disposed properly when the 3Rs are not possible.

?The strategy should set indicators and numerical targets to evaluate the implementation of the 3Rs. .

Mr. Chairman,

Governments should further enhance national legislation to promote the 3Rs and the proper treatment of waste.

The types of goods and materials for recycling should also be expanded. The promotion of the 3Rs and the proper treatment of waste should effectively contribute to the management of transboundary movement of hazardous waste, which is the ultimate aim of the Basel Convention

Mr. Chairman,

It is important to build partnerships among and between various stakeholders such as

governments, municipalities, public waste utilities, international organizations, donor agencies, private sectors, local communities, NGOs, and experts to improve waste management in developing countries.

Japan hosted a CSD intersessional conference in March 2010 to provide input for the discussions on waste management for CSD 18, which was held in May, 2010.

In addition, Japan recently hosted the “CSD Intersessional Conference on Building Partnership for Moving towards Zero Waste” ⁽¹⁾ in Tokyo from February 16 to 18, 2011 together with the co-organizers, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) to provide input for CSD 19.

The participants gathered at this meeting unanimously endorsed the establishment of the “International Partnership for Expanding Waste Management Services of Local Authorities (IPLA)” ⁽²⁾ to be launched during CSD19 in May 2011. We expect many relevant stakeholders to join the IPLA.

Mr. Chairman,

Following a proposal made by Japan, the Regional 3R Forum in Asia ⁽³⁾ was established as the platform for cooperation for promotion of 3Rs among all parties and stakeholders concerned. Policy dialogues on the 3Rs, cooperation among countries and organizations to implement 3R projects, sharing of best practices, tools, technologies, and policy instruments have been accelerated through this Forum since then.

We would like to further develop the Forum and to build linkages between the Forums and processes.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

(1)

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) have jointly organized the “CSD-19 Intersessional Conference on Building Partnerships for Moving towards Zero Waste” from February 16 to 18, 2011 in Tokyo. The meeting was attended by approximately 180 participants including

representatives of local and national governments, public waste utilities (PWUs), the private sector, academia, NGOs, and international resource persons from 50 countries. In this conference how to promote the partnership among parties and stakeholders for waste management was discussed. The output of this conference is concluded as “Chair’s Summary”. The meeting also unanimously endorsed the establishment of the International Partnership for Expanding Waste Management Services of Local Authorities (IPLA). IPLA will be discussed further and launched at CSD19 in May 2011.

(2)

International Partnership for Expanding Waste Management Services of Local Authorities (IPLA)

IPLA focuses on accelerating the uptake of infrastructure and services of waste management at local authorities in developing countries. It is a knowledge network to communicate across national boundaries by sharing the knowledge on best practices, technology, promotion of awareness and capacity building and finding partners and donors for local authorities, PWU, governments, international organizations, experts, private sectors across the world.

IPLA will focus on strengthening the cooperation among stakeholders in promoting 3Rs and waste management stressing the relation between waste and resources.

The activity of IPLA will include the creation of Web-portals, the organization of workshops, the holding of training and awareness activities, and pilot projects.

(3)

Japan has proposed the establishment of the “Regional 3R Forum in Asia” as the platform of cooperation for a wide range of stakeholders such as governments in the Asian region, international organizations, donor agencies, private sector, research institutes, and NGOs to promote the 3Rs in the Asian region, at the East Asia Environment Ministerial Meeting held in Hanoi, October 2008. This proposal was supported by the governments who participated in the Meeting. Based on this proposal, the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, MOEJ jointly organized the “Inaugural Meeting of Regional 3R Forum in Asia” with the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) in Tokyo, November 2009, leading to the establishment of the Forum.

The second meeting of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia was held in Kuala Lumpur, October 2010. The third meeting is scheduled to take place in Singapore.