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Mr. Chair, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Germany associates itself with the statement delivered by the European Commission on behalf of the EU and its 27 member states.

In 1992, Agenda 21 urged us to consider the concepts of economic growth prevalent at that time. Ten years later, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation called for the formulation of a 10-year framework of programmes to be accelerated. This led to the foundation of the Marrakech Process in 2003. The activities of this process – in particular the ones of the regional organisations and the task forces – achieved a lot of good results and provided constructive preparatory work for the development of a 10YFP. Germany itself has gained valuable experience as leader of the Task Force 'Cooperation with Africa' working with the African colleagues on SCP.

A lot has been achieved on sustainable production and consumption patterns. Nevertheless, our progress has not been sufficient also because of the lack of strong political commitment.

The 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10 YFP) offers the opportunity to decide on a vision on and a structure for SCP. We need a clear political commitment at the highest level here at the CSD 19. It is important to significantly scale up the work in this area at national, regional and international levels.

The 10 YFP should entail a clear political message concerning the importance of SCP also in other contexts such as climate change mitigation and the implementation of the MEAs. It should have a clear structure, describe financing options and define key programme areas. It should have broad participation and include stakeholders, and it should be practical and feasible. A well functioning organisational structure for the 10 YFP should be decided at this CSD.

An efficient organizational structure is a prerequisite for steering this process. This structure should include a Secretariat based in UNEP, provide for cooperation and coordination with other UN-entities working in SCP relevant areas, and a steering body including representatives from the various regions, and stakeholders like the advisory board of the Marrakech Process. National focal points should be established to create a practical working structure for 10 YFP.

The 10 YFP should provide for closer cooperation among all relevant stakeholders. It is not the task of governments alone to implement the 10 YFP. Industry, trade as well as NGOs, local communities, youth and women are key to making consumption more sustainable. To this end we need new cooperation formats, for example a global alliance between policymakers and industry on sustainable consumption and production patterns.

We believe that the decision of CSD 19 on the 10 YFP will be a milestone on the road to Rio 2012.

In the context of the preparations for Rio 2012 the EU is calling for the adoption of a UN Green Economy Roadmap which clarifies and encourages the measures that need to be taken at national and international level in order to pave the way for a green economy. It should include timelines, benchmarks, indicators, and a monitoring system. Based on national political leadership country specific tailor-made support should be offered to assist interested countries on their path to a green and low carbon economy. In this regard establishing SCP is a key element.

If we accelerate our transition to a green and low carbon economy now, this will pay off for all of us. Markets, production processes and channels of trade are becoming increasingly global. As a consequence, there is a growing need to find ways for a stronger globalisation of processes regarding the establishment of standards and consumer information. An exchange of information on and cooperation among various labelling systems could be a specific multi-stakeholder task of a 10 YFP.

Germany supports the implementation of a programme to label sustainable products, to determine footprints and for communication. We are willing to share the experience we have gained in the Task Force on Cooperation with Africa and from the project on developing a sustainability label for Africa.

Germany will remain committed to SCP and continue the support of activities also under the 10 YFP.