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Dear colleagues,

We invite you to use the attached template to submit potential programs, ideally to be implemented in partnership between governments, major groups, with support as appropriate of the UN system and Bretton Woods institutions. These programs will be used to inform the Secretary General's report on the 10 Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP) on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) for the 19th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and to develop a background paper on potential programs to be included in a 10YFP for discussion at the SCP intersessional meeting to be held in January, 2011, in Panama.

As you know, the Commission on Sustainable Development will be deliberating on the 10 Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP) on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), mandated by the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, at its 19th Session in New York, from May 2-13, 2011. At the 18th session of the CSD, Member States pointed to some potential programs that could compose this 10 YFP and suggested that they would welcome an opportunity to discuss those, as well as the potential institutional structure of the 10YFP during an Intersessional to take place prior to the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting to be held in New York from February 28 to March 4, 2011

Minister Arias, Minister of the Environment of Panama, has kindly offered to host this Intersessional on January 13 and 14, 2011 in Panama City. To ensure we have a fruitful dialogue and Member States have a good basis to discuss international programs that they would like to see included in the 10YFP in support of regional and national initiatives, we would appreciate receiving as many completed templates as you see fit by November 26, 2010.

Please send your contributions to Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier, Sustainable Development Officer, at carpentier@un.org or fax: (212) 963-1267.

Sincerely yours,

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