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STATEMENT BY FINLAND

ON PREAMBLE AND DECLARATION

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Mr. Co-facilitator,

Thank you for giving me the floor again. I would like to come back with a few more details after my yesterday's statement fully aligning our statement with the EU statement also made yesterday.

I already made comments on the **preamble and the 5 Ps**, but in addition to those, it would be important to include human rights and gender equality as cross cutting issues in the preamble and all the 5 Ps. Respecting, protecting and fulfilling the human rights of all and gender equality should be added in an appropriate manner to reflect their cross-cutting nature in this Agenda. In the "P" on planet, as we stated earlier, the sustainable management of water also as a transboundary issue should be included. I think a similar comment was made by Switzerland yesterday. In the "P" on peace, issues like sustainable management of natural resources should be included to emphasize the interlinkages between different issues. And in the "P" for partnership, the crucial role of all stakeholders at all stages should be underlined.

In the **introduction**, in the section on **Our vision** (in para 8), we would like to see that all forms of gender-based violence and legal, social and economic barriers to women's and girls' empowerment in our societies will be removed.

In para 9, we would like to add "within planetary boundaries" the end of the first sentence. And in para 10, it would be important to make reference to the Millennium Declaration, too.

In the section on **The New Agenda** in para 19, we would like to emphasize gender equality by making a reference to sexual and reproductive health and rights. This paragraph should also include the elimination of gender-based discrimination.

We are pleased about a separate paragraph 26 on sustainable production and consumption, which will be an important element of this Agenda.

When discussing health, we should take into consideration strengthening health systems, in particular in developing countries.

On the section on **Implementation**, in addition to welcoming and endorsing the Addis outcome, we should clearly state that it will be integrated into our Agenda. Science-policy interface should not only be limited to the environmental governance, but to the sustainable development governance and thus to the implementation of this whole Agenda.

We would like to delete para 38 on family. The family is not referred to in the Millennium Declaration nor in The Future we Want. The agenda must be universal and inclusive of all people without discrimination on any grounds.

We would like to see in the declaration a reference to the UN 'fit-for-purpose' so that the UN development system will also adapt itself to the implementation of the new Agenda. Business as usual should not continue for anyone.

In **Follow-up and review**, monitoring and accountability should be underlined as important elements of a robust, effective, inclusive and transparent follow-up and review framework, where all stakeholders can participate.

Thank you, Mr. Co-facilitator.