Chair:

We should be grateful if the following inclusions would be considered to the Co-Chairs' Summary of the first UNCD Prepcom

Section 2: A green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.

54....Suitable national policy frameworks will need to be put in place to drive a green economy transition, to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns, and to bring economy activity within the carrying capacities of ecosystems. Women suggested a Corporate Accountability Protocol.

55. The green economy concept needs to be broad and flexible enough to be relevant and adaptable to the needs of countries at different levels of development with differing national capacities and differing priorities. As one delegation stated, a green economy is about making more forward-looking choices whatever economy one has. A green economy framework should not be a straightjacket but a guide and support to national initiatives and policies. Many policies and measures are already being implemented at national level as well as at the grass roots which could be classified as building a green economy. Women pointed to jobs being supported by the ecosystem of the commons and the important role of green and equitable local economic value chains which are helping to eradicate poverty. Local authorities referred to the rich menu of innovative green economy policies and measures, like eco-budgeting, being introduced at the municipal level. Employing a green economy framework may be able to assist government in taking a more holistic view of economic policies for sustainable development. If it serves that purpose, then it can prove useful to governments. Women suggested a values-based economy tied to the health of the global commons and a Trust fund financed by polluters and speculators to restore the environment and to provide a basic income for all people to help eradicate poverty.

Thank you in advance,

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