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Thank you, Co-chair,

1. I think one of the biggest challenges in the institutional framework for sustainable development is strengthening coordination among relevant UN agencies, multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), and international financial institutions.
2. To mobilize financial resources, one of the key issues in implementing sustainable development, it is important to strengthen networking channels among those relevant stakeholders in a coherent way.
3. In addressing this challenge, we could conduct, if necessary, an independent evaluation of the effectiveness of current UN inter-agency coordination mechanisms.
4. The Secretariat suggests some options for strengthening coordination of the institutional framework. We welcome the idea of strengthening the functions of CSD by the introduction of a peer review mechanism and reinforcing ECOSOC by discussing the sustainable development agenda in depth through the forum, such as the Annual Ministerial Review. We want those options to be discussed in detail in the coming months.
5. We also support the idea of strengthening the function of regional commissions so that there can be more active coordination and integration of sustainable development agendas on the ground.

Mr. Co-chairs,

6. As some delegates mentioned earlier, we have witnessed little progress in implementation of environmental protection among the three pillars of sustainable development. In light of the fact that there are continuous threats to ecosystems and global climate change, I believe that it is critical to strengthen international environmental governance.

7. In this regard, we should review with an open mind the strengthening of UNEP. There are a couple of options on the table, including the option of “a specialized agency.” In principle, reinventing the wheel is not a good idea, especially in this recession. However, if necessary, we could integrate and strengthen international environmental governance.

8. Better governance provides for creating a stronger link between global environmental policymaking and financing, and developing an effective, system-wide capacity building framework for the environment, as specified in the outcome of the Nairobi-Helsinki process.

9. In conclusion, I think that Rio+20 is a critical moment to discuss this issue, and we should make good use of this golden opportunity to finalize our discussion on international environmental governance. Thank you.