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Mr. Chairman,

I will answer the questions that were asked to the delegations. First, I would like to recall that Brazil associates itself with the statement made by Argentina on behalf of the G-77 and China.

Regarding question 1, Brazil wants the full consideration of the concept of sustainable development in decision-making by economic, social and environment actors with a view to creating greater synergy, coordination and integration among the three pillars of sustainable development and overcoming the continued prevalence of sector-specific visions. On the other side, we would like to see the Sustainable Development Goals that will determine the areas where national and international cooperation efforts need to be concentrated with a view to fostering sustainable development and taking equity among nations into due consideration.

In this sense, Brazil believes that the three essential dimensions of the conference - first, the intergov process, second, the civ soc, and third, the business community). In that context, the Brazilian government will organize four days of dialog on sustainable development concentrating on the following 8 themes:

- Poverty eradication, food and nutritional security;
- Energy;
- Water;
- Oceans;
- Sustainable cities;
- Economics of sustainable development (including sustainable patterns of production and consumption);
- Innovation for sustainable development;
- Decent work and migration.

On question 2, we have to help decision-makers and civil society to understand the nexus between the issues, how to integrate these issues and how they are interconnected. We have to be able to make sure that there is a clear view of sustainable development inside our countries, at local, regional and national levels, so that we can fight for it in the multilateral agenda.

Regarding question 3, I have no doubt that the answer is the permanent incorporation of poverty eradication as an essential element for achieving sustainable development.

Answering question 4, we would like to make available an Outlook that would promote integrated analyses of the already vast store of sector knowledge, such as energy, finance, population, environment, agriculture, and others. Thereby we would

improve the interpretation of links among the different sectors and make coherent action feasible in the economic, social and environmental areas, helping the SDGs to be more effective and better accomplished.

On question 5, we want green economy to be an inclusive green economy. We want the economic community to accept and adopt sustainable development as a paradigm and to promote sustainable patterns of production and consumption.

I will not address question 6 due to lack of time.

In answer to question 7, we want an effective - not a symbolic - strengthening of UNEP and the UNDP as something absolutely critical. We would also like to see a governance structure that ensures that the concept of sustainable development is given due consideration as a paradigm by all the UN specialized agencies and organization as well as the World Bank, the World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund.

Thank you.