Sustainable consumption and production (SCP)

- Germany fully aligns itself with the statement of the European Union. In addition to that statement allow me to highlight 3 aspects regarding the 10 YFP on SCP.

- Given the huge influence of consumption and production on the environmental situation the adoption of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production is the key decision at CSD 19. Therefore this framework should be ambitious and based on a clear political commitment expressed at CSD 19. It should encourage and enable national and regional governments, businesses and other major groups to make consumption and production patterns more sustainable. The political commitment at CSD 19 should ensure a significant scaling up of the work on SCP at the national, regional and international level. In that regard the framework should built on the positive experience of the Marrakesh process. This process in its finding new ways of cooperation and steering of policies has proved to be very effective in terms of positive results but clearly lacked a strong political commitment which we now hope for at CSD 19.

- The framework should provide for a stronger involvement of all relevant stakeholders. It is not the task of governments alone to implement a 10 YFP. Industry, retailers but also major groups of NGO’s, local communities, youth, women representing huge consumer groups are key to make more sustainable consumption and production happen. To this end we see the need for new cooperation formats, for example a global pact between policymakers and relevant stakeholders on sustainable consumption and production patterns. In this regard Germany also proposed a program on labelling for sustainable products and services.
In order to implement a 10 YFP we need a well-functioning organisational structure that incorporates all key cooperation partners including the relevant stakeholders. In view of the experience gained with the Marrakesh process and the discussions at CSD 18 and the intersessional meeting in Panama a structure with a single secretariat, a board consisting of governments and stakeholders as well as structures on the regional and national level - e.g. in the form of mandated focal points - could be successful.