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Statement of Italy

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Mr Chairman, distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Italy associates itself with the statement made by the European Union on behalf of its Member States and would like to further highlight some specific issues.

Italy wishes to thank the government of Panama for hosting the High Level CSD Intersessional Meeting on the 10YFP on SCP and for providing us the opportunity to discuss key issues in view of this present meeting and of the preparatory process leading to CSD19.

Italy is convinced that we need to define a strong vision, objectives and goals for the 10YFP and we need to commit to this global common vision and these goals at the highest level during CSD19. This is essential to increase the ownership of SCP and to strengthen the commitment of MS to the implementation of the 10YFP. As was the case for the MDGs, universally endorsed goals are key to ensure that SCP receives also a wider support from other relevant ministries (e.g. economy and finance, agriculture, infrastructure, transport, etc.). The global common vision, the objectives and goals should build upon agreed elements (JPOI, Agenda 21 Rio Declaration, etc.) and support all Rio principles, with particular regards to principle 7, but also principle 8, which directly calls for a shift towards SCP as a condition for achieving better quality of life for all people, principle 15, known as the polluters pays principle, and principle 16, namely the precautionary principle. Furthermore, the particular conjuncture, that we are experiencing between the Marrakech Process and CSD, together with the tremendous support received during CSD18 should raise our level of ambition in an attempt to meet the challenges, vision and goals developed under the Marrakech Process.

The functions identified in the Secretary General report, integrated with other two functions, namely a clearing house function and a review and monitoring function would allow the 10YFP to

respond to different needs and be sufficiently flexible to evolve. The Marrakech Process for example, through a bottom up approach, was able to do so and has appropriately illustrated the enormous scope of the benefits that can be gained from sharing good practices and supporting cooperation at all levels of engagement.

A well structured 10YFP should be supported by a sound and efficient organisational structure that should respond to the identified functions and should build on existing institutions. The 10YFP should be supported by a single Secretariat based within a UN agency/programme, with coordinating responsibilities in particular with all relevant UN agencies/programs. The Secretariat should be steered by a Bureau made of representatives from different regions and main stakeholders involved in the 10YFP (more formal Advisory Committee as was for the MP).

The 10YFP should include a list of programmes building on the experiences carried out under the Marrakech Process and other best practices and should be able to support the many effective bottom up initiatives emerging on SCP.

Monitoring and reviewing processes should take place periodically at national, regional and international level providing the opportunity to exchange views on best practices and gaps to be addressed.

Finally Mr Chair, we believe that the 10YFP could represent a milestone in advancing the agenda of sustainable development, resource efficiency and green economy, and thus contribute also to Rio+20.

Italy is strongly convinced that a positive outcome of CSD19 with the adoption of a 10YFP would provide a significant input to the global challenge of fulfilling both sustainable development and related targets set by other international agreements.

We recognize that these objectives are ambitious. Defining and launching a 10YFP will require an increased global ambition over the next months so that the outcome of CSD19 deliberations is substantial in scaling up practical action.

We are nonetheless strongly convinced that Sustainable Development is not possible without SCP.

Thank you.