

## OPENING NGO STATEMENT

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Thank you, Chair,

The NGO Major Group suggests the 3 following additions to the Chairs text:

In the Preamble:

1. *Recognizing* that Sustainable Consumption and Production is the crosscutting issue connecting the themes of sustainable development and since people lie at the heart of problems regarding sustainability and its solutions,

- The full engagement of all Major Groups and all people is essential for achieving sustainable development goals.

-A process must be developed to invite and include all peoples and stakeholders to participate in and contribute to implementation of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes, Action Plans, and Programme Areas.

- A process needs to be implemented to fully involve all partners and stakeholders in identifying and agreeing on the medium and long-term measures to promote Sustainable Consumption and Production.

- The Major Groups must be fully represented on the Multi-stakeholder Bureau for the 10 Year Framework of Programmes; and an open and transparent process needs to be developed to select the representatives.

2. *Mindful* that an economy measured by degree of consumption and production is in conflict with the environment, it is urgent to shift to an economy based on the well-being of life in all its forms and expressions and the respect for nature, using among other things relevant economic indicators and changing ethics and values through education and outreach.

3. *Noting* the importance of the public and private sectors in determining sustainability outcomes, regulatory frameworks must be established for multinational corporations and accountability measures put in place to ensure that governments fulfill their commitments and agreements, relating to all of the themes of CSD19.

*And an additional item*

70f: A financing mechanism for SCP based on polluter pays fees and taxes on the use of land and natural resources, to be used for the restoration of the natural environment and a basic income for all.