Excellencies,

Colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

In the spirit of the informal debate we are having today, I dare be adventurous and share with you some thoughts on the elements I believe we should take into consideration when designing the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP. I hope my intervention will prove a kick start for interesting and productive discussions during today’s morning session.

As affirmed at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in its Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, all countries should promote sustainable consumption and production patterns, with the developed countries taking the lead and with all countries benefiting from the process, taking into account the Rio principles, including, inter alia, the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

Governments, relevant international organizations, civil society and the private sector should play an active role in promoting more sustainable consumption and production patterns. The vision for the 10YFP needs to be shared by all stakeholders and reflect their level of ambition and aspiration in pursuing and implementing SCP. Therefore, their involvement in developing the vision will be essential.

I would also like to underline the importance of giving the same weight to the both dimensions of consumption and production of the 10YFP as they are closely interlinked.
As Chair of the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, I should reaffirm that our intersessional meeting in Panama should help us progress together in identifying the main elements of the 10-year Framework of Programmes, its vision, main functions, institutional structure; key programmes.

We have to reach a common understanding of the main functions of the 10YFP and the institutional structure that could best fulfill these functions, allowing for the gathering and sharing of experiences, progress, as well as knowledge on sustainable consumption and production.

In doing so, we have to identify common objectives and targets by using existing SCP fora and initiatives, linking and building synergies between them, through an effective and efficient institutional architecture.

This international architecture should be able to operate at global, regional and especially national levels, taking into account the specificities and particularities of each region and country. Also, when discussing implementation we need to involve at all levels, all stakeholders, including the civil society. We should reach out to the business community, by using language that brings the private sector close in this process. We, I strongly believe that we should develop a process which builds on the results achieved to date and advance synergies between different existing mechanisms promoting sustainable consumption and production. Furthermore, we must focus our efforts on concrete measures at all levels in order to ensure a sustainable development path.

What I believe emerged from the discussions at CSD 18 and from experiences shared by different stakeholders is that we need to aim at developing a 10YFP which goes beyond the status quo and addresses key gaps in current activities. This
would imply an efficient institutional architecture which would allow for effective coordination and cooperation through the involvement of a wide range of stakeholders.

The review of existing models that you have before you as background document to this meeting provides a picture of successful mechanisms that could be taken into account. 10YFP could be developed by drawing upon the most relevant and effective elements from existing models, such as the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (with its effective coordination of activities at national, local and global levels and dedicated funding mechanism), the Marrakech Process (with its flexibility and convening of a broad range of stakeholders and vast range of activities) and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (fostering research and building expertise).

I would therefore ask you today to examine which mechanisms would allow us, while building on existing experiences, to help better address all levels of needs, from national, to regional, to global. In addition to the questions already included in today’s agenda I would add:

- Which could be the most effective coordination and collaboration mechanisms at the international, regional and national levels?
- How can we ensure the effective implementation of the 10YFP through a mechanism that measures progress without placing an increased burden on key actors?
- What could be the most suitable mechanism(s) for knowledge sharing on SCP among stakeholders?
- What would be the most suitable financing arrangements, which would allow for a more coordinated and effective channelling of resources?
I hope that these points will stimulate your reflection on the different elements of the 10YFP, and I look forward to what I hope will be a reach and productive discussion. Let me conclude by saying that the level of ambition of the 10YFP is in our hands, so let us aim by CSD 19 to have an ambitious framework for action which will make a meaningful shift to build a more sustainable society.