

Focus area 11. Sustainable Consumption and Production

Mr Co-chair,

As our constituency has previously stressed, targets related to SCP are critical to shift towards more sustainable economic models, which will be more inclusive, low-emission and resilient, inter alia to climate change and disasters, and will improve people health, well-being and welfare.

We would like to particularly underline the importance of targets concerning:

- the **sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources, and low carbon all along the consumption and production chain, within the carrying capacity of the planet** ;
- the promoting of **awareness raising and education** in influencing **sustainable lifestyles**, including consumer information notably on product, standards and labels, as well as appropriate incentives ;
- the encouragement of economic incentives promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns and the generalization of **life-cycle approach, as well as circular economy** ;the decoupling of economic growth from environmental degradation and resource use;
- the internalization of external environmental costs and natural capital accounting ;
- and the strengthening of **corporate social and environmental responsibility**, including integrated **reporting**;
- the promotion of sustainable tourism development and management together with ecologically sound and socially viable touristic offers as part of the 10YFP.

In addition, we would like to see the addition of a target promoting **sustainable public procurement**, which offers a tremendous opportunity for innovation and sustainable development.

Experience shows that **sustainable public procurement** has the potential to transform markets, boost the competitiveness of eco industries, save money, conserve natural resources and foster job creation. This is why we would support a target to: “Increase the share of sustainable products and services in public procurement, inter alia through competitive and transparent procurement processes”

We regret the deletion of the target related to the sound management of chemicals and waste and would like to stress the importance of the **sustainable management of chemicals** and development on non-chemical alternatives throughout their life cycle **and of waste and its interlinkages with** human health and the environment, the reduction of poverty and sustainable economic growth.

We welcome that waste reduction is reflected in this focus area. Other aspects should also be included such as the need to increase prevention, re-use, recycling and energy recovery of waste and to significantly reduce landfilling so that the majority of waste globally is managed as a resource.