Mr. Chair,

The Scientific and Technological Community strongly believes that progress toward meeting sustainable development goals in all topical areas dealt with by CSD-19 will require substantial innovative advances in science and technology and consideration of the feasibility of proposed solutions. For example, innovative green chemistry needs to be supported by the public and the private sector, and through much enhanced international cooperation, including transfer of technology.

Development and more importantly implementation of an ambitious 10 Year Framework Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) will take us a long way in advancing the necessary transition to a more sustainable future.

In this respect, it will be essential for governments, in particular in developing countries to increase investment in national scientific and technological capacity targeted on the solutions of making chemicals and waste management, mining and transport more sustainable and implementing the 10YFP on SCP. Developing targeted research and development and innovation systems will be equally crucial.

Consequently, actions toward the advancement, sharing and application of knowledge, science, engineering and technology should be incorporated in all relevant policy recommendations, to be agreed upon by CSD-19.

The Scientific and Technological Community is committed to work with all stakeholders, governments, intergovernmental organisations and all other Major Groups in making implementation of the CSD outcome really happen.

Thank you