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Thank you chair

UNIDO reinforces the earlier statements made in regard to the interrelatedness of the themes under consideration. In doing so, UNIDO wishes to emphasize the contribution to be made by the producers and providers of goods and services. Mr Yumkellah, DG of UNIDO, launched an organization wide green industry initiative to focus attention on the role of industry in moving forward in particular the agendas of SCP, waste and chemicals. We launched the initiative for Asia in Manila last year with Gove of Phil, UNEP, ESCAP and ILO. UNIDO is following up the recommendations and commitments and expanding the initiatives to other emerging and developing regions.

Advancing the green industry agenda is a two-pronged approach. Firstly all producers of goods and services need to reduce their use of energy, water and materials and reduce their emissions and waste. This is the greening of industry agenda. This however also requires a vibrant supply of innovative environmental goods and services, including for example waste management and recycling services and environmental technologies. These are the green industries of today and the future.

In many cases implementation of green industry practices and technologies is possible with available practices, technology and knowledge, provided available financial, management and technical resources are being focused and directed towards more sustainable patterns of production.

We have been pleased to hear repeated references during the past two weeks to the contributions made by the National Cleaner Production Centres, set up jointly by UNIDO and UNEP. Jointly with these centres in around 50 countries we have developed a way forward to scale up and mainstream resource efficient and cleaner production. This has to include two strategies. Firstly we must apply known best practices on a larger scale – UNIDO is already working to do this with a growing group of partners, both within the UN system (UNEP, ILO, ESCAP, UNCTAD and others) and outside the UN System, including for example the EU SWITCH programme on Sustainable Consumption and production in Asia. Secondly we need new solutions that help us achieve progress better, faster and at a larger scale. This will require innovation in methods, practices, technologies and finance for implementation. We avail ourselves as well as the knowledge and experience of the global network to share lessons learned with member states, UN agencies and the major groups.

UNIDO stands ready to support an inclusive and transparent process that takes the review findings from this CSD session to an effective set of policies and commitments at CSD19 including a 10 yr framework of programmes that provides balanced support for sustainable consumption and sustainable production.

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