

Statement on behalf of UNEP's Major Groups to the on UNEA Resolution/Decision 8: Strengthening UNEP's Role in Promoting Air Quality

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Thank you, Chair.

My name is Marta Subirà with the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Developments –nrg4SD, I am presenting this civil society cluster statement on behalf of Local Authorities, NGOs, Farmers, Workers and Trade Unions, Business and Industry, Science and Technology, Children and Youth, Indigenous People and Women.

1. We welcome and support the efforts to enable UNEP to take a global action on air quality.
2. We would like to acknowledge the role and contributions of existing policy initiatives and good practices at the local, subnational, national, and regional levels as well as multi-stakeholder partnerships that successfully deal with air pollution worldwide. GEO-5, [in its Chapter: 2 on Atmosphere](#) and [its supplement for Local Governments](#) present a portfolio of legislative, public awareness and direct actions focusing on enhancing urban planning, public and non-motorized transport, buildings, waste management, energy efficiency and switching to low-carbon and renewable sources of energy which aims at improving air quality.
3. The main challenge is to scale-up replication of these successful experiences through appropriate financing, governance and technology transfer models.
4. Therefore, we believe this resolution/decision on Air Quality should aim to facilitate immediate actions at all levels of governments with the active engagement and participation of all actors of civil society.
5. Major Groups proposes the below amendments
 - a. Revisions of para.4 and para.7 in Preamble
 - b. Adding a new paragraph in Preamble
 - c. Revisions in para. 1,5.a and 5.c in the Operative paragraphs

Full text is available at the Major Groups website and would be happy to further explain you these.

Thank you.