

Thank you, Madame Chair. My name is Marcos Orellana, with the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL). I speak on behalf of the NGO Major Group, with the support of the Women, Farmers, Workers & Trade Unions, Business & Industry, and Science & Technology Major Groups.

In order to strengthen the work of the Environmental Management Group, including its technical issues management groups, we think that major groups and stakeholders could be seen as a source of additional information through its expertise on many areas relating to the environment and sustainable development.

We would welcome an addition to the draft decision 12 regarding *Coordination Across the United Nations System including the Environmental Management Group*. Such additional text could read:

“Invite major groups and stakeholders to the technical issue management groups of the Environment Management Group to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of major groups and stakeholders in developing system wide approaches on environment and sustainable development.”

Thank you for your attention.