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Intervention of Finland under agenda item 9: *Consultation on the theme for UNEA-6*

Your Excellency, President of UNEA-6, Madam Executive Director, Mr Chair, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- I have the pleasure to make this statement on behalf of Finland.
- Finland aligns itself with the statement made by the EU and its member states.
- Thank you very much for the comprehensive presentation as well as for preparing the options paper.
- Finland finds that all three theme proposals put forward by the Secretariat are relevant and have the potential to contribute to addressing the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.
- We all know that unsustainable consumption and production patterns are drivers of the triple planetary crises. Therefore, we find it important that the chosen UNEA theme would contribute to making the link with the UNEP Medium Term Strategy and the Global Strategy for Sustainable Consumption and Production approved by the 10-year Framework of Programmes board recently, and emphasize the fundamental role that sustainable consumption and production practices play in solving the crisis.
- The Stockholm+50 meeting earlier this year sent an important message on the involvement of youth, and we wish for that to be followed up on. Therefore, we find it important that that the voice of the youth – and other stakeholders – will be heard and taken into account through ensuring their meaningful participation in the UNEA sessions as well as involving them closely already in the considerations regarding the theme. Just this morning we met with the Major Groups and heard about their important work on the ground.
- Lastly, we believe that it is very important that the theme will be strongly informed by science. For example, the Making Peace with Nature report provides a good basis for these considerations.
- Finland is happy to continue discussions with all delegations and stakeholders as we all work towards finding consensus on the theme under the leadership of the UNEA Presidency.  
Thank you.