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Agenda item: UNEA 6 themes

Statement by the Major Group: Scientific and Technological Community

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Thank you Mr. Chair for giving me the floor.

The three proposed themes by the ED are very important and rich, however, the Science and Technology Major Group would like to propose the following option for your kind consideration:

**Circularity, A pathway for the future: Towards healthy economies, societies and planet**

We believe this is a crucial topic that can shift our systems, bring innovative ideas and facilitate cooperation and technology transfer between countries, promote further sustainable consumption and production.

It can be aligned with many ongoing international and regional processes such as the INC-plastic, EU green deal. Circular models can put humanity back into harmony with nature.

In short, a circular transition tackles the triple planetary crisis and brings attention and benefits at global, regional, and local levels.