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**Opening Statement**

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Excellences,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Dear colleagues,

My name is Frezer Yeheyis from Mahiberehiwot for Social Development, speaking on behalf of the Women's Major group.

UNEA 5.2 has witnessed historic moments in terms of adopting significant resolutions. We feel as stakeholders we need to celebrate and support this progress through constructive engagements in the technical as well as required aspects that are of our capacities.

As supportive as we are of the decisions made during UNEA 5.2. We are also very much enthusiast about the implementation and the mechanisms along with how they can be monitored with regards to integrating the resolutions into the national, regional and global frameworks.

Furthermore, we would like to bring to the highest attention of the member states to ensure women engagement in decision making processes along with ensuring the significance of gender intersectionality at all levels.

**Gender equality and mainstreaming in all processes is a must!**

We would like to emphasize on the need for multi stakeholder and multi sectoral interventions for sustainable solutions.

We call on all member states to recognize and act on the conditions that put women in an unfavorable position to either engage in decision making or to be given a priority; given women and children are the most affected in climate change and environmental crisis NOT to mention women possess the greater number of the world population.

We expect transparency, full and effective inclusion of women to participate in all decision-making processes, including the full inclusion of Indigenous local knowledge.

We believe actions and decisions to be taken should be gender-sensitive.

Women and young girls remain ready to continue working together, for effective action. I Thank you.