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Dear Mr. Rachid Firadi,

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide input to the draft ministerial declaration for UNEA 6.

In acknowledging the converging three planetary crises, we would like to see direct reference to the unsustainable economy as a principal root cause behind them.

In that regard, we suggest the following text:

**3 bis:** Mindful that a principal root cause behind the three planetary crises is the unsustainable economy that is largely linear, dependent on raw materials from unsustainably managed resources, makes inefficient use of already manufactured materials and products, and still dependent upon fossil fuel energy.

We agree with the Basel-Rotterdam-Stockholm Convention Secretariat that pollution should be better recognized in the ministerial declaration as drivers of climate change and biodiversity loss. We support their suggested additions.

The ongoing discussions for an international legally binding instrument on ending worldwide plastic pollution, as well as the work done for the beyond 2020 instrument, should be acknowledged.

That could be captured with an addition to the Basel-Rotterdam-Stockholm Convention Secretariat suggested text for 4, as follows:

**4:** We welcome the important outcomes of the twenty-seventh conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, including the establishment of a Loss and Damage Fund to support vulnerable countries as well as the Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan, the twenty eighth Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity including its adoption of the historic Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the fifteenth Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD including the Abidjan Call to act on drought, desertification and land degradation, and the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the inter-governmental negotiation committee meetings for an international legally binding instrument on ending plastic pollution, the work to put in place the beyond 2020 instrument, including the adoption of decisions strengthening the sound management of chemicals and waste throughout the life cycle and the prevention of pollution for the protection of human health and the environment.

The global economy must transform from linear into increasingly circular, while at the same time product life spans must be extended and new consumption models must be explored. This could be captured in 8.



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In that regard, the following addition is suggested:

**8 d bis:** We commit to make the economy more sustainable, through measures such as circularity, prolonged product life spans by choice of materials and promotion of design for reparability and recyclability, and exploration of new models of consumption, including collaborative consumption.

With respect to the circular economy, to ensure toxic chemicals are not recirculated into new products, the importance of toxic-free material cycles will be necessary to highlight, which requires a globally harmonized transparency and traceability system for chemical composition of manufactured materials and products throughout their entire lifecycles.

In that regard we suggest the following text:

**10 bis:** We recognize that hazardous chemicals must be phased out from material cycles, or when this not immediately possible be strictly restricted, to ensure that circular economy is safe to human health and the environment. This necessitates the establishment of a global transparency and traceability system for the chemical composition of manufactured materials throughout the entire lifecycle, to support informed decisions by all stakeholders along the material and product value chains, and provide equal access to information by all, irrespective of jurisdiction.

Many thanks for your consideration of our inputs.

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