

Finland's statement on AI 5a.

- Thank you Mr. Chair for giving me the floor.
- Finland aligns with the statement made by the EU and its member states, and would like to provide some additional comments.
- We join delegates in welcoming the roadmap and the retention of the key strategic pillars of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution as it is important to build upon the work already under way, while also examining environmental trends and emerging issues. It is equally important to take up evaluation findings and lessons learned from previous MTS and Programme of Work.
- One key aspect in that regard is to make sure that responsiveness to human rights is thoroughly mainstreamed in the MTS and Programme Of Work.
- We would especially call for including disability inclusion. Every sixth person on the planet has a disability, and some 80% of them living in developing countries. Yet they are among those disproportionately affected by the triple planetary crisis, and remain marginalized in processes of decision-making and the creation of knowledge to tackle these crises. We would like to hear, how are you planning to strengthen this in UNEP's work?
- We furthermore would appreciate UNEP's further proactive commitment with view to the plastics treaty, which hopefully will be finalized by end of this year.
- In addition to the point presented on behalf of the EU and its Member states, we would also like to deliver a statement from our national perspective.
- Finland currently holds the position of co-chair of the board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), and it is within this context that we would like to share the following information.
- In its recently published 'Progress Report on the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns ' multiple themes emerge as it relates to progress on the shift to patterns of sustainable consumption and production.
- The report states that the international community has the opportunity to reinforce the 2030 Agenda in times of multiple crises through sustainable consumption and production including through circular economy approaches. An area of particular focus in the report is the role of SCP for reducing inequalities and achieving just transitions for all.
- The One Planet Network – a global community of practitioners, policymakers and experts, including governments, businesses, civil society, academia and international organisations – will host its One Planet Network Forum 2024 in September in Rio de Janeiro. The overarching theme reads: 'Reducing inequalities and achieving just transitions for all through sustainable consumption and production, including circular economy', showcasing concrete solutions and commitments bringing together the SCP and social development agendas.

- Given the theme of the One Planet Network Forum 2024, alongside with the key messages of the 10YFP Progress Report, Finland would welcome to see these issues reflected within the next MTS and Programme of Work, and in UNEA-7.
- I thank you for the opportunity to intervene.