

FIRST INTERVENTION BY WOMEN AT MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE 4, 19 FEB AFTERNOON

Thank you chair

My name is Isis Alvarez from the Global Forest Coalition based in Colombia and I am speaking on behalf of the Women's Major Group

Regarding the 10yr framework on SCP, if we are to get on track to a genuine strategy for developing sustainably and reducing environmental destruction our unsustainable patterns of production and consumption must have a significant turn, thus we welcome efforts for the implementation of the 10YFPSCP, as it is recognized that our lifestyles are beyond the carrying capacity of the Earth and that many natural resources have already been exhausted and many more will soon have the same fate if effective and prompt measures are not taken.

Hence, promoting sustainable consumption and production should be directly linked to global corporate accountability as this sector has been historically responsible for a great deal of environmental degradation and derived impacts to women and other vulnerable groups. Further privatization of lands and resources seriously jeopardizes food security increasing the burden on women around the world, including thousands of rural women heads of households, thus undermining an effective strategy for environmental protection and sustainable use, and ultimately, poverty eradication.

Thank you!