

Comments by Czech Republic on the draft concept note on the theme of the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for the document, we have studied it with great interest.

Below, you'll find our remarks.

- 1) We welcome the catchy headline of "3D and E" that captures well the core of the complex relationship between environment and health and makes direct link to previous UNEAs.
- 2) We would welcome a greater emphasis to be put on the role of private sector in bringing about the shift to SCP. The role of private sector should be explained in more detail as it is not only about "enhancing partnerships" but about concrete steps the private sector needs to take (eg. sustainable purchasing and waste processing etc).
- 3) We agree that innovation is essential, however, the current text gives impression that innovation (mentioned 22 times in the paper) is a magic formula for the needed change. While we acknowledge its important role, we would like to request balancing the document more in order to give prominence to the concept of SCP, that is currently heavily under represented in the document. It must be included among the points in the "Possible outline".

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