

## Statement by co-Chair of the 10YFP Board to Annual Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives:

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Distinguished members of the Annual Subcommittee of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP),

Unsustainable production and consumption drive interconnected challenges: climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

To address this, transitioning to sustainable consumption and production, resource efficiency, and circular economy approaches are vital. The 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), endorsed by Heads of State, facilitates this transition alongside inter-agency cooperation aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Since the last Subcommittee, the high-level political forum “recommitted to making fundamental changes in our consumption and production patterns, including by transitioning to sustainable economic and business models and the implementation of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns”.

The 10YFP, whose Secretariat is hosted by UNEP, possesses strong partnerships and a solid mandate within and across the UN system to support action.

A few recent examples include the following:

1. First, In partnership with the Environment Management Group, the 10YFP organized Nexus Dialogues to enhance cooperation in themes like sustainable consumption, digitalization, green jobs, sustainable public procurement, and tourism.
2. Second, the collaborating with UNDP, UNFCCC, and UNEP, the 10YFP launched the initiative "Build Circularity into Nationally Determined Contributions," offering a digital toolbox for policymakers. Implementation and capacity building activities are underway in pilot countries, with training sessions in demand from over 25 additional countries during regional climate weeks.
3. The Sustainable Food Systems Programme, uniting leading UN entities, convened a global conference in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, emphasizing the need to transform food systems for inclusiveness, participation, and collaboration at all levels.
4. Collaborating with UNOPS and UN-Habitat, the 10YFP is working on a flagship initiative to mainstream circularity in the construction sector through sustainable public procurement.



5. The Consumer Information Programme of the 10YFP hosted its Global Conference 2023 on Ecolabelling & Sustainable Public Procurement last week in Bogota, Colombia, that brought together policymakers, industry experts, and practitioners in the field of sustainable public procurement and ecolabelling to share knowledge, discuss current trends, and identify priorities to address the triple planetary crisis through SCP.

Despite these targeted interventions, it is evident that while multilateral and multi-stakeholder cooperation on SCP and circular economy approaches has intensified, regional imbalances persist, and reporting by member states on their SDG12 activities remains insufficient.

In light of this, I put forth the following recommendations to fellow member states to be included in the Chair's Summary:

- 1. Intensify Collaboration:** Heighten multilateral and multi-stakeholder collaboration for sustainable consumption and production and circular economy within the context of SDG implementation at regional, national and international levels.
- 2. Industry Focus:** Accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production by concentrating efforts on high-impact industry sectors. These sectors must significantly reduce their adverse impacts on climate, biodiversity, and pollution footprints.
- 3. Policy Prioritization:** Acknowledge and strengthen the 10YFP as UNEP's vehicle to deliver SCP and Circular Economy Outcomes and policy support to all countries, in particular developing ones, to develop policies and action plans for SCP and circular economy, addressing priority sectors and themes for those countries.

As Chair of the Board of the 10YFP I have the pleasure to extend an invitation to all interested Member States to a high-level meeting convened by the Board of the 10YFP hosted in Nairobi in the margins of the OECPR and UNEA on the 24<sup>th</sup> February. Further communication on this will be available through the usual channels.

Thank you.