

Statement to the COW on behalf of Business & Industry by Thomas Jacob, a member of the delegation from the International Council of Chemical Associations. 21 February 2012

Thank you Chair.

We would like to offer a comment relating to the topic of the next three paras.

Business and Industry regards Sustainable Consumption and Production as one of the key areas to be addressed as we proceed toward sustainable development. The private sector is an important stakeholder in SCP. There is an opportunity to be seized here that can enable a framework that will help us accelerate the pace of our movement toward sustainability and toward a green economy.

UNEP has played a constructive role in cultivating a deeper understanding of the dimensions of SCP, and in stimulating cooperative initiatives involving governments at all levels, business and industry and other stakeholders, to advance more sustainable consumption and production practices.

We believe it will be important to build on these efforts in a way that is both responsive to and supportive of international, national, regional and local programs; and in a way that invites investment by industry and other stakeholders in that effort.

The agreement on a 10 Year Framework of Programs negotiated to closure in CSD-19 struck the very delicate balance that can advance this in a responsible way, and in which we can foresee industry playing an active role.

Thank you Chair