

MAJOR GROUPS AND STAKEHOLDERS OPENING STATEMENT AT THE COW, UNEA-2

Nairobi, 23 May 2016

Thank you Mme. Chair for giving Major Groups the floor for a brief statement.

My name is Susanna Rivero, co-chair of the Major Group Facilitating Committee, and I am speaking for the Major Groups attending UNEA2.

We wish to congratulate you on your election, and look forward to working with you in supporting as you seek to reach strong and ambitious conclusions.

MG/S held a substantive Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum over the weekend to review the main topics that are being discussed here, identify priorities across the wide spectrum of resolutions under consideration, and provide recommendations to inform your deliberations.

We had the honor to dialogue with member state representatives serving as focal points for the resolution clusters, and we greatly appreciate their joining us for what was a productive discussion. We also formed working groups between us to closely follow the work on the resolutions.

We delivered a brief statement in the opening Plenary this morning which will be made available to you. Later today we will also sent out the recommendations of this weekend meeting. Wednesday we expect to present the full report.

We strongly invite Member States to review the compilation of statements and recommendations by Major Groups and Stakeholders for consideration by UNEA-2, which also contains the results of the Regional Consultation Meetings (UNEP/EA.2/INF/7).

Thank you Mme. Chair