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The statement should focus on what new actions that we have to take or old ones that we have to improve in order to strengthen the contribution of nature to sustainable development. This statement as it is now is presenting the environmental challenges that we are facing rather than explaining actions that need to be introduced or strengthened. In principle it does not inform the global community which actions on nature need to be transformed.

The draft contains a few themes that transformative actions can be undertaken - such as the **concept of green recovery, ecosystem restoration, holistic approach** (healthy people, healthy ecosystems) and **sustainable food systems**. These need further elaboration in order to show what kind of specific transformative actions need to be undertaken for each of them. For example what kind of transformative actions that needs to be taken in on order to increase the contribution of nature to green recovery, ecosystem restoration, holistic approach or sustainable food systems?

Other themes that may be included and transformative actions taken in order to strengthen the contribution of nature to may include issues related to:

- Environmental governance
- Armed conflicts
- Youth unemployment
- Inequalities
- Human and Environmental Rights
- Pollution and Land Degradation
- Deforestation and Desertification
- Valuation of natural resources
- Application of internationally agreed principles for protection of nature