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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the ten member countries of ASEAN – Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

ASEAN associates its statement with the Group of 77 and China.

We thank you for the timely provision of the Chairman’s text, which will serve as the basis for our deliberations in CSD-19.

As we gear up for the Rio+20 Conference next year that has adopted the green economy and institutional framework on sustainable development as its themes, ASEAN would like to use this opportunity to express some views with regards to the Conference followed by general comments for the outcome of this session.

In regard to the institutional framework on sustainable development, the commission remains the most appropriate body to elaborate on action that derives from the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

We recognize that at this juncture there is still much to do. Thus ASEAN believes that the strengthening of CSD is necessary to fulfill its mandate of monitoring and reviewing in the implementation of Agenda 21, JPoI as well as policies adopted at CSD sessions.

Mr. Chairman,

Much of what we have been discussing in the respective sectors, for the consideration of CSD-19, links to sustainable consumption and production patterns, and the life cycle approach.

Beginning with mining, as the extractive stage, it is very important that all mining activities are environmentally sound while bringing economic and social benefits. ASEAN supports sustainable practices in mining, and strengthening of corporate social and environmental responsibility as well as Public-Private Partnerships. Both, CSR and 3P should support community livelihoods and countries’ development plans.

On transport, as the consumptive stage, CSD-19 must find a way to achieve sustainable transport modes for developing countries, in order to promote the development of sustainable and integrated transport systems and connectivity, in support of economic activity, national development and regional integration.

On chemicals and waste management, as the disposal stage, it is important to strengthen capacity to safely dispose and reuse chemicals and waste. The outcome of CSD-19 should emphasize on training and transfer of technology, while strengthening corporate social and environmental responsibility.
Mr. Chairman,

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation gave the mandate to develop a 10-year framework of programmes on SCP, which launched the Marrakesh process.

As ASEAN emphasized at the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting earlier this year, ASEAN supports the Marrakesh process, and we consider it a ripe moment to elevate it into concrete political commitment.

Thus, ASEAN supports the adoption of a well structured 10 year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns with a clear vision, objectives and programs.

We stress that it is of high importance that this framework addresses the three dimensions of sustainable development in a balanced and integrated manner.

As for ASEAN, we have been conducting several joint projects on sustainable consumption and production patterns for many years already.

We believe it’s important to be pro-active, prepared and forward looking on this issue. In this connection, ASEAN conducted an ASEAN Forum on SCP in April this year in Jakarta. The Forum agreed to establish a regional cooperation mechanism to serve as a platform for enhancing and strengthening ASEAN cooperation. The mechanism is envisioned as a means to facilitate the implementation of the 10 year framework on SCP in ASEAN.

Mr. Chairman,

In closing, please be assured of the ASEAN member countries’ active participation in the negotiation of the chairman’s text. It is our fervent hope that in this session member states could agree on action oriented approaches that would change unsustainable patterns of consumption and production for the benefit of our future generation.

Thank you.