

Statement by India at the thematic discussion on Sustainable Consumption and Production – IMP CSD-19, 3 Mar 2011

Mr. Chairman,

We align ourselves with the statement delivered by Argentina on behalf of G-77 and China.

We value the ongoing discussion on a 10-year Framework of Programme (10 YFP) on Sustainable Consumption and Production and are happy to see the progress made so far. On this positive note, we are hopeful that CSD-19 would indeed finalise the 10 YFP.

Sustainable Consumption and Production is an essential building block for progress towards sustainable development.

We believe that a 10 YFP on SCP in order to be acceptable to all must be firmly based on all the Rio Principles including common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, equity and polluters-pay principle.

The Marrakech process provides a sound base for building the 10 YFP as it allows action and programmes to be flexible enough to address different levels of development of countries and their different levels of resource endowments and institutional arrangements. Flexibility to accommodate national policies and priorities would be the key to the eventual success of the proposed 10 YFP.

Even as we craft a meaningful SCP programme, we must bear in mind that such programme should not jeopardise the developmental aspirations of developing countries while they call for decoupling of economic growth from environmental considerations.

We wish to see a larger focus on energy access and food security issues in the 10 YFP being developed.

Mr. Chairman,

The Rio principles clearly call for the developed countries to take lead on making their consumption and production choices sustainable. We would like to state that lack of progress on this score is unacceptable and the situation if not rectified has the potential to derail the hard won global convergence achieved on SCP.

While there is universal appreciation of the value of SCP, the developing world clearly lacks capability to undertake gradual shift towards the paradigm. Putting in place an enabling mechanism based on predictable funding and transfer of technology is therefore of high importance for the overall success of the SCP programme.

We note that ongoing discussion on 10 YFP puts a special emphasis on small scale producers in developing countries: while doing so it would do well to fully appreciate the “doing more with less” action and high resource-productivity ratio achieved by these producers in advance of the three pillars of sustainable development.

We support a strong institutional arrangement to help implement the agreed goals and objectives of the SCP framework.

India has taken major policy interventions to move towards a more sustainable path of consumption and production. We have updated our regulations and undertaken policy shift to encourage progress towards sustainability.

We look forward to a productive outcome on 10 YFP SCP at the upcoming CSD-19 session.

Thank You.