

Statement by H.E. Minister László Borbély

Excellencies,

Colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

In my capacity of Chairperson of the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, let me extend a warm welcome to you all, and special thanks to the Government of Panama for hosting this intersessional meeting and to UN DESA and UNEP for setting the stage as organizers.

I consider that progress on the important topic of sustainable consumption and production can only be achieved by a strong partnership among states, among private and public entities, and strong involvement of the civil society.

Since the World Summits in Rio and Johannesburg, the international community has come to understand that achieving sustainable consumption and production is a prerequisite for sustainable development. At CSD18 last year in New York, progress achieved so far was recognized and showcased. However, it was also recognized that we need to do more to achieve a truly transformative change.

This intersessional meeting could play a key role in helping to develop a

meeting. The next 10 years are critical for sustainable development. Recent crises have revealed a new dimension of interconnected imbalances, undermining not only ecosystems, but also our collective development prospects. An effective 10-Year Framework of Programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns could be an important element of the collective effort to address the negative impacts of crises effectively.

We have to be clear in advancing policies, adapted to national and regional characteristics which include, inter alia, sustainable management of natural resources, realizing the human potential, and building a sustainable, inclusive and equitable economy at local, regional and global levels. To that end, it is important that we agree on a well structured approach to support regions and countries, producers and consumers, in mainstreaming SCP in their decision making process, in raising awareness and capacity building, and in acting at all levels to deliver the needed transformation for improved resource efficiency and decoupling towards sustainable development.

This meeting will be, I hope, one of changing our points of view regarding the actual stage in preparing a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP, to look for answers on the expected outcomes: possible vision and goals, an advanced understanding on the objectives, a functional institutional arrangement, and a best