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Agenda item 9. The 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns

Intervention by the Government of Finland¹

First of all I want to say that we **support 150 %** the EU viewpoints presented by Sweden.

We have developed a **national strategy** on SCP together with all relevant stakeholders and approved by the government. This has led to different concrete steps. But what we realized in our process is the topic ANPED took up – there is a need for systemic changes and transition projects.

Finland has also engaged in the Marrakech process. We lead one of the seven task forces, working on **Sustainable Buildings and Construction**. The SBC task force focuses on two aspects; energy efficiency, and the role of public sector. This is because almost 40 % of all energy is consumed in buildings and construction. Public policies, on the other hand, are by far the most efficient and most economical tools to help change energy consumption patterns in buildings. Energy efficient building policies should also become an integral part of national climate change mitigation plans.

I want to have a few words on two questions presented by the Chair.

A. What would be the key SCP objectives and themes to be considered when designing the 10 YFP from pan-European and North American perspectives?

When developing a global Framework of Programmes on SCP, we should link the programme with the commitments made at the global climate change negotiations as well as existing initiatives which relate to this work.

And then there are two initiatives I would like to mention:

- The work of the International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management should be tapped to its full extent.
- The UNEP's Global Green New Deal Initiative provides also interesting insights to SCP.

Key objectives: Decoupling economic growth from environmental impacts; the public organisations and Government should set an example and a transition to more sustainable societies.

¹ The text is presented as received from the author.

C. What would be the key 3-5 programmes the UNECE would like to see in decisions on SCP made at the 19th session of CSD?

The Governments should set an example. The governments should focus financial support like innovation and recovery packages on fundamental change. We should abolish perverse subsidies, use economic instruments more widely and invest in sustainable infrastructure. Public sector should also "walking the talk" by diminishing their own impact on environment by procuring more sustainable goods and taking responsibility on cutting the impact of own every-day routines and decisions.

Programmes on how we meet our basic needs (food, mobility and housing) in a more sustainable way.