

**FOURTH UNECE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION MEETING ON
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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Agenda item 10. Cross-cutting issues, interlinkages and implementation of CSD-17 decisions

Intervention by the One Earth Initiative Society¹

Thank you Mr. Co-Chair,

I am with the One Earth Initiative, a NGO from Canada and a member of the Canadian Environmental Network. This network, together with US and North American networks, has prepared a joint statement whereby we recognize the highly unsustainable consumption and production patterns in North America, and in which we commit to keep working with each other and other stakeholders—including business and government—and engage in constructive dialogue to move towards SCP. Copies of this statement are available on the tables outside of this room.

Regarding the Key Objectives and Themes to be considered for the 10YFP, we would like to see explicit mention for the need to reverse the negative social and environmental trends. We would also like to ensure that the 10YFP supports “regional and national initiatives”, but it is still not clear if this is the case at this point.

This leads me to my next point: A number of Major Groups, including some member-State delegations, have some outstanding questions regarding the 10YFP:

- It is still not clear what the Mapping Tool, once filled out, will lead to, and how “support” will be provided. For example, as a NGO from Canada, what will I do with the Mapping Tool after CSD 19? How will I use it? Or is it geared to governments so that they can pick and choose projects they would like to fund and support?
- And presumably, for any action to be taken, an “implementing mechanism” will need to be put in place. This might be a secretariat of some sorts. Will this be an item that will be negotiated at CSD 19?

Thank you.

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¹ On behalf of the Citizens Network for Sustainable Development (CITNET). The text is presented as received from the author.