

THE FUTURE WE WANT

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I. Our Common Vision

1. We, the heads of State and Government and high level representatives, having met at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20-22 June 2012, with full participation of civil society, renew our commitment to sustainable development, and to ensure the promotion of economically, socially and environmentally sustainable future for our planet and for present and future generations. [Agreed ad ref]

2. Eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. In this regard we are committed to free humanity from [extreme - US; G77 delete] poverty and hunger as a matter of urgency.

2.bis We acknowledge the need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels through integrated approaches, incorporating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions [, in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. -G77; US, Canada, Japan, EU delete.]

3. We recognize that poverty eradication together with [changing unsustainable - EU, G77 retain / promoting sustainable - US] patterns of production and consumption and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are the overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development. We also reaffirm the need to: promote [sustained and equitable and inclusive / sustained and inclusive - US] economic growth and sustainable development, create greater opportunities for all, reduce income inequality, and raise basic standards of living; foster equitable social development and inclusion; and integrated and sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems that supports inter alia economic, social and human development while facilitating ecosystem conservation, regeneration and restoration and resilience in the face of new and emerging challenges.

Note: Para. 2, 2bis and 3 are part of the package deal. US to revert on para. 3.

4. We reaffirm our commitment to making every effort to accelerate the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. [Agreed ad ref]

5. We recognize that people are at the center of sustainable development and in this regard, we strive for a world which is just, equitable and inclusive, and we commit to work together to promote sustained economic growth and development, social equity and environmental sustainability, and thereby to benefit all. [Agreed ad ref]

6. We reaffirm that we continue to be guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and with full respect for international law and its principles. **[Agreed ad ref]**

7. We also reaffirm the importance of freedom, peace and security, respect for all human rights, including the right to development **[and the right to an adequate standard of living, including [the right to - US delete] food]**, the rule of law, gender equality and women's empowerment and the overall commitment to just and democratic societies for development.

8. We reaffirm the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as other international instruments relating to human rights and international law. We emphasize the responsibilities of all states, in conformity with the Charter, to **[respect, protect and promote/ promote universal respect for, and observance and protection of all –US]** human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind to race, colour, sex, language or religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability or other status.

9. We acknowledge that democracy, good governance and the rule of law, at the national and international levels, as well as an enabling environment are essential for sustainable development, including sustained and inclusive economic growth, social development, environmental protection and the eradication of poverty and hunger. We reaffirm that to achieve our goals of sustainable development. We need institutions at all levels that are effective, transparent, accountable and democratic. **[Agreed ad ref]**

10. We reaffirm our commitment to strengthening international cooperation to address the persistent challenges related to sustainable development for all, in particular in developing countries. In this regard, we reaffirm the need to achieve economic stability and sustained economic growth, promotion of social equity, and protection of the environment, while enhancing gender equality and women's empowerment, and equal opportunities for all, and the protection, survival and development of children to their full potential, including through education. **[Agreed ad ref]**

11. We resolve to take urgent action to achieve sustainable development. We therefore renew our commitment to sustainable development, assessing the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development and addressing new and emerging challenges. We express our determination to address the themes of the Conference, namely a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, and the institutional framework for sustainable development. **[Agreed ad ref]**

12. We recognize that people's opportunities to influence their lives and future, participate in decision making and voice their concerns are fundamental for sustainable development. We underscore that sustainable development requires concrete and urgent action. It can only be achieved with a broad alliance of people, governments, civil society and private sector, all

working together to secure the future we want for present and future generations. [Agreed ad ref]

II. Renewing Political Commitment

A. Reaffirming Rio principles and past action plans

13. We recall the Stockholm Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment adopted at Stockholm on 16 June 1972. [Agreed ad ref]

14. We **[also reaffirm that all the Principles contained in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development / reaffirm the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and all its principles - G77; US delete][in particular the Principle of CDBR and equity – G77; US, Japan delete]**, will continue to guide the international community in the achievement of sustainable development and the future we want **[and will serve as the basis for cooperation, coherence and implementation of agreed commitments, including in this outcome –US, Japan, Canada delete; G77 retain]**.

15. We reaffirm our commitment to fully implement the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation. We also reaffirm our commitment to the full implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries, the Almaty Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries, the Political declaration on Africa's development needs, and the New Partnership for Africa's Development, **[the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Key Actions for Further Implementation of the Programme of Action, and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action - G77 delete]** [. We recall **-G77]** as well as our commitments in the outcomes of all the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental fields, including the UN Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit outcome, the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development, and the outcome document of the High-Level Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the MDGs.

16. We recognize the importance of the three Rio Conventions to advancing sustainable development and in this regard we urge all parties to fully implement their commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, **[on the basis of equity and – Canada, New Zealand; US delete; Japan reserves]** [in accordance with [the principle of / **their –Canada, New Zealand; US delete; Japan reserves]** common but differentiated responsibilities**[and respective capabilities –Canada, New Zealand; US delete; Japan reserves]**,-US, Japan, EU delete; G77, RoK, Norway retain] the Convention on Biological

Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification **[in accordance with their respective principles - New Zealand]**, to take effective and concrete actions and measures at all levels, and to enhance international cooperation.

17. We are determined to reinvigorate political will and to raise the level of commitment by the international community to move the sustainable development agenda forward, through the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals including the Millennium Development Goals. **[We further reaffirm our respective commitments to other relevant internationally agreed goals in the economic, social and environmental fields since 1992. - Switzerland]** We therefore resolve to take concrete measures that accelerate implementation of sustainable development commitments.

B. Advancing Integration, Implementation, and Coherence: Assessing the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development and addressing new and emerging challenges

18. We recognize that the twenty years since the Earth Summit in 1992 have seen uneven progress, including in sustainable development and poverty eradication. We emphasize the need to make progress in implementing previous commitments. We also recognize the need to accelerate progress in closing development gaps between developed and developing countries, and to seize and create opportunities to achieve sustainable development through economic growth and diversification, social development and environment protection. To this end, we underscore the continued need for an enabling environment at the national and international levels, as well as continued and strengthened international cooperation, particularly in the areas of finance, debt, trade, and **[voluntary –US; G77 delete]** technology transfer **[[as mutually agreed – G77 delete; Canada] / on mutually agreed terms and conditions- US; G77 delete]**, and innovation and entrepreneurship, capacity building, **[transparency and accountability. – EU; G77 delete]****[We recognize the diversification of actors and stakeholders engaged in the pursuit of sustainable development. In this context we affirm the continued need for [increased voice - US delete] and full and effective participation of all countries, in particular developing countries in global decision making. - G77, US revert]**

19. We acknowledge that since 1992 there have been areas of insufficient progress and setbacks in the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, aggravated by multiple financial, economic, food and energy crises, which have threatened the ability of all countries, in particular developing countries, to achieve sustainable development **[and in this regard it is critical that we observe the principle of non-regression. –G77; US, EU, Canada, Japan, Switzerland delete]**

[19 bis. We recognize that the current major challenge for developing countries is the impact from the multiple crises affecting the world today, particularly the ongoing economic and financial crisis, as a result of the deficiency of the international financial

system. In this regard we reaffirm the urgent need to deepen the reform of the global financial system and architecture based on the principles of equity, sovereign equality, independence, common interest, cooperation and solidarity among all States. - G77; US delete]

20. We are deeply concerned that one in five people on this planet, or over one billion people, still live in extreme poverty, and that one in seven or 14% is undernourished, while public health challenges including pandemics and epidemics remain omnipresent threats [**and therefore we acknowledge the ongoing discussions on human security in the United Nations General Assembly - Japan, US, EU, Canada, Switzerland; G77 delete**]. We acknowledge that with the world's population projected to exceed nine billion by 2050 with an estimated two thirds living in cities we need to increase our efforts to achieve sustainable development and in particular, the eradication of poverty and hunger.

21. We recognize examples of progress in sustainable development at regional, national, sub-national and local levels. We note that efforts to achieve sustainable development have been reflected in regional, national and sub-national policies and plans, and that governments have strengthened their commitment to sustainable development since the adoption of Agenda 21 through legislation and institutions, and the development and implementation of international, regional and sub-regional agreements and commitments. [**Agreed ad ref**]

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23. We reaffirm the importance of supporting developing countries in their efforts to eradicate poverty and promote empowerment of the poor and vulnerable groups including removing barriers to opportunity and enhancing productive capacity, developing sustainable agriculture, and promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all, complemented by effective social policies, including social protection floors, with a view to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs. [**Agreed ad ref**]

24. We express deep concern about the continuing high levels of unemployment and underemployment, particularly among young people, and note the need for sustainable development strategies to proactively address youth employment. [**In this regard, we recognize the need for a global strategy on youth and employment and note the work of the ILO. - EU revert**]

[24 bis We acknowledge that climate change is a cross-cutting and persistent crisis and express our concern that the scale and gravity of the negative impacts of climate change [affect all countries – EU; G77 delete] and undermine the ability of [particularly the most vulnerable – EU; G77 delete] developing countries to achieve sustainable development and the MDGs and for some threaten the territorial integrity and their existence and viability as countries. [Therefore we underscore that combating climate change requires urgent and

ambitious action and the widest possible cooperation among all countries – EU; G77 delete]
– G77; US, Canada, Japan delete]

[24 ter We express deep concern on the imposition of laws and other forms of coercive economic measures, including unilateral sanctions, against developing countries, which undermine international law and the rules of the WTO and also severely threaten freedom of trade and investment, and in this regard urge States to refrain from enacting and implementing such measures that hamper the full achievement of sustainable development, as well as trade in developing countries - G77, Belarus; US, Canada delete; EU, Australia reserve]

[24. quat We reaffirm the need to take further effective measures to remove obstacles to the realization of the right of peoples to self-determination, in particular peoples living under colonial and foreign occupation, which continue to adversely affect their economic and social development as well as their environment and are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person and must be combated and eliminated. People under foreign occupation must be protected in accordance with the provisions of international humanitarian law. –G77; Canada, US, Japan delete; EU reserve]

[24. quint We also reaffirm that in accordance with the Declaration on the Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, this shall not be construed as authorizing or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States conducting themselves in compliance with the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples and thus possessed of a Government representing the whole people belonging to the territory without distinction of any kind. –G77; US, Canada, Azerbaijan, Japan delete; EU reserve]

25. We recognize that many people, especially the poor, depend directly on ecosystems for their livelihoods, their economic, social and physical well-being, and their cultural heritage. For this reason, it is essential to generate decent jobs and incomes that decrease disparities in standards of living to better meet people's needs and promote sustainable livelihoods and practices and the sustainable use of natural resources and ecosystems. [Agreed ad ref]

26. We emphasize that sustainable development must be inclusive and people-centered, benefiting and involving all people, including youth and children. We recognize that gender equality and women's empowerment [, including through access to reproductive health services – US; G77, Holy See delete] are important for sustainable development and our common future. In this regard, we reaffirm our commitments [to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Key Actions for Further Implementation of the Programme of Action (ICPD+5), the Beijing Declaration and the Beijing

Platform for Action – Holy See bracket] to ensure women's equal rights, access and opportunities for participation and leadership in the economy, society and political decision making.

27. We recognize that each country faces specific challenges to achieve sustainable development and we underscore the special challenges facing the most vulnerable countries and in particular African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing States as well as the specific challenges facing the middle-income countries. Countries in situations of conflict also need special attention. **[Agreed ad ref]**

28. We reaffirm our commitment to take urgent and concrete action to address the vulnerability of small island developing states (SIDS), including through the sustained implementation of the Mauritius Strategy and BPoA, and underscore the urgency of finding additional solutions to the major challenges facing small island developing states in a concerted manner so as to support them in sustaining momentum realized in implementing the BPoA and MSI and achieving sustainable development. **[Agreed ad ref]**

29. We reaffirm that the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 outlines LDCs' priorities for sustainable development and defines a framework for renewed and strengthened global partnership to implement them. We commit to assist LDCs with the implementation of the IPOA as well as their efforts to achieve sustainable development. **[Agreed ad ref]**

30. We recognize that more attention should be given to Africa and the implementation of previously agreed commitments related to its development needs that increased in recent years, it still lags behind were made at major UN Summits and Conferences **[in view of the gap in implementation of those commitments – G77]**. [We note that [while – G77 delete] aid to Africa still lags behind **[some of the – EU]** commitments that were previously made. – US delete] We underscore the key priority for the international community of supporting Africa's sustainable development efforts. In this regard, we [recognize the urgency/ **recommit- G77]** to fully implement the internationally agreed commitments related to Africa's development needs, particularly those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development, the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development, the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation) and the 2005 World Summit Outcome as well as the 2008 Political Declaration on Africa's development needs. – *EU supports Chair's text*

31. We recognize the serious constraints to achieve sustainable development in all its three dimensions in landlocked developing countries. In this regard, we reaffirm our commitment to address special development needs and the challenges faced by landlocked developing countries

through the full, timely and effective implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action as contained in the Declaration on the mid-term review. **[Agreed ad ref]**

32. We recognize the progress made by middle-income countries in improving the well-being of their people, as well as the specific development challenges they face in their efforts to eradicate poverty, reduce inequalities, and achieve their development goals, including the MDGs, and to achieve sustainable development in a comprehensive manner integrating the economic, social and environmental dimensions. We reiterate that these efforts should be adequately supported by the international community, through various forms, taking into account the needs and the capacity to mobilize domestic resources of these countries. **[We also recognize the solidarity of middle-income countries with other developing countries with a view to supporting their development efforts, including in the context of South-South and triangular cooperation. –EU; Russian Federation, G77, Belarus delete]**

[33. We recognize that the planet Earth and its ecosystem **[s – US]** are our home and that Mother Earth is a common expression in a number of countries and regions **[and that some countries recognize its rights in the context of the promotion of sustainable development]**. We are convinced that in order to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environment needs of present and future generations, it is necessary to promote harmony with nature. - Canada, US, Holy See delete; EU, Japan revert]

34. We call for holistic and integrated approaches to sustainable development which will guide humanity to live in harmony with nature and lead to efforts to restore the health and integrity of the Earth's ecosystem. **[Agreed ad ref]**

35. We acknowledge the natural and cultural diversity of the world and recognize that all cultures and civilizations can contribute to sustainable development. **[Agreed ad ref]**

C. Engaging major groups and other stakeholders [Agreed ad ref]

36. We reaffirm the key role of all levels of government and legislative bodies in promoting sustainable development. We further acknowledge efforts and progress made at the local and sub-national levels, and recognize the important role that such authorities and communities can play in implementing sustainable development, including by engaging citizens and stakeholders, and providing them with relevant information, as appropriate, on the three dimensions of sustainable development. We further acknowledge the need to involve all relevant decision makers into planning and implementation of sustainable development policies. - *G77 revert*

37. We underscore that broad public participation and access to information and judicial and administrative proceedings are essential to the promotion of sustainable development. Sustainable development requires the meaningful involvement and active participation of all Major Groups – women, children and youth, indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations, local authorities, workers and trade unions, business and industry, the scientific

and technological community, and farmers – and other relevant stakeholders, including regional, national and sub-national legislatures and judiciaries, local communities, volunteer groups and foundations, migrants, families as well as older persons and persons with disabilities. In this regard, we agree to work more closely with Major Groups and other stakeholders and encourage their active participation, as appropriate, in processes that contribute to decision making, planning and implementation of policies and programmes for sustainable development at all levels including through the contribution of their specific views, knowledge and practical know-how. - G77 revert

[38. We acknowledge the role of civil society and the importance of enabling all members of civil society to be actively engaged in sustainable development. We recognize that improved participation of civil society depends upon strengthening access to **[legitimately acquired -US]** information [and – EU delete] building civil society capacity **[and respecting the right to freedom of association and assembly- EU]**. We recognize that information and communication technology (ICT) is making it easier for Governments to share information with the public and for the public to hold decision makers accountable. In this regard, it is essential to work towards improved access to ICT, especially broadband networks and services, and bridge the digital divide [through the provision of adequate financial resources, capacity building and technology transfer to developing countries from developed countries and the UN system].

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39. We underscore that women have a vital role to play in achieving sustainable development. We recognize the leadership role of women and we resolve to promote gender equality and women's empowerment and to ensure their full and effective participation in sustainable development policies, programmes and decision-making at all levels. **[Agreed ad ref]**

40. We acknowledge that the implementation of sustainable development will depend on active engagement of both the public and private sectors. We recognise that the active participation of the private sector can contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, including through the important tool of public-private partnerships. We support national regulatory and policy frameworks that enable business and industry to advance sustainable development initiatives taking into account the importance of [applying standards of – G77, US delete] corporate social responsibility [and accountability – G77 delete]. **[We encourage**

businesses to align their business practices to the principles set forth in the UN Global Compact and the Guiding Principles on business and human rights –EU; US delete/We encourage responsible business practices such as those promoted by the Global Compact .]

41. *Deleted*

[41. Alt1 We acknowledge the importance of corporate sustainability reporting and encourage companies, where appropriate, especially publicly listed and large companies, to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle. We recognize the need for global best practices on sustainability reporting, and in this regard, we encourage industry, interested governments, as well as relevant stakeholders, [to launch a process - US, Canada delete] with the support of the UN system, to develop [a] model for best practice and facilitate action for the integration of sustainability reporting, building upon the experiences of already existing national and international reporting frameworks, such as the Global Reporting Initiative, and examine options for capacity building measures for developing countries. - US, Japan, Canada revert; G77 delete]

[41 Alt2 We recognize the utility of sustainability reporting and encourage publicly listed and large companies to consider integrating and publicizing sustainability information as appropriate. - G77]

42. We recognize the important contribution of the scientific and technological community to sustainable development. We are committed to working with and fostering collaboration among academic, scientific and technological community, in particular in developing countries, to close the technological gap between developing and developed countries, strengthen the science-policy interface as well as to foster international research collaboration [including in the area of planetary boundaries – EU; US, G77 delete].

43. We stress the importance of the participation of indigenous peoples in the achievement of sustainable development. We also recognize the importance of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the context of global, regional, national, and sub-national implementation of sustainable development strategies. [Agreed ad ref]

44. We stress the importance of the active participation of young people in decision making processes as the issues we are addressing have a deep impact on present and future generations, and as the contribution of children and youth is vital to the achievement of sustainable development. We also recognize the need to promote intergenerational dialogue and solidarity by recognizing their views.[Agreed ad ref]

45. We stress the importance of the participation of workers and trade unions to the promotion of sustainable development. As the representatives of working people, trade unions are important partners in facilitating the achievement of sustainable development in particular the social dimension. Information, education and training on sustainability at all levels, including in the workplace, are key to strengthening workers' and trade unions' capacity to support sustainable development.[Agreed ad ref]

46. We recognize that farmers, including small-scale farmers and fishers, pastoralists and foresters, can make important contributions to sustainable development through production activities that are environmentally sound, enhance food security and the livelihood of the poor, and invigorate production and sustained economic growth. [Agreed ad ref]

47. We note the valuable contributions [of / **that –G77**] non-governmental organisations **[could [and do – US; G77 delete] make –G77; Switzerland, EU delete]** in promoting sustainable development through their well-established and diverse experience, expertise and capacity, especially in the area of analysis, sharing of information and knowledge, promotion of dialogue and support of implementation of sustainable development.

[48. We acknowledge the central role of the United Nations, as well as the important contributions of other relevant international organizations[, **in particular International Financial Institutions including the multilateral development banks, and stress the importance of cooperation among them –G77**] **[within their respective mandates –US]** in advancing the sustainable development agenda, encouraging and facilitating close cooperation among states, as well as between states and other stakeholders, and mobilizing resources for sustainable development. - G77 revert]

49. We commit ourselves to re-invigorating the global partnership for sustainable development that we launched in Rio in 1992. We recognize the need to impart new momentum to our cooperative pursuit of sustainable development, and commit to work together with Major Groups and other stakeholders in addressing implementation gaps. [Agreed ad ref]

[49 bis. We encourage the UN system to strengthen its capacity to develop and manage partnerships particularly for sustainable development. – EU, placement to be considered]

III. Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication

[Framing the context of green economy, challenges and opportunities, as well as other approaches, visions, and models of sustainable development and poverty eradication –G77; RoK, Switzerland delete]

50. **[We consider a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication as a valuable tool for achieving sustainable development and we acknowledge that it can provide options for policy making but is not a rigid set of rules.–RoK]** We affirm that there are different approaches, visions, models and tools available to each country, in accordance with its national circumstances and priorities, to achieve our overarching goal[s – G77 delete] to eradicate poverty **[, protect natural resources –US, EU, Switzerland]** and achieve the three dimensions of sustainable development in an integrated manner. [In this regard, we consider **[the transition towards – EU, RoK; G77 delete]** [a – G77 delete] green economy

in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication as [a [valuable/ **important – Switzerland**] / **one of the valuable means – EU**]/ **one of the tools– G77**] [for all countries – EU; G77 delete/ **available to all – Norway**] for achieving sustainable development and [we acknowledge –G77 delete] that it [can / **could –G77**] provide options for policy making but [is not a / **should not be a – G77**] rigid set of rules. –RoK delete] We emphasize that it should contribute to eradicating poverty as well as sustained economic growth, enhancing social inclusion, improving human welfare and creating opportunities for employment and decent work for all, while maintaining the healthy functioning of the Earth's ecosystems.

51. We affirm that policies for [a – G77 reserve] green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication should be [guided / **informed –US**] by [and in accordance with [**international law, including human rights law – Liechtenstein**][**equity and –G77**] all – US delete] the Rio principles, [**in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, – G77; US delete**] Agenda 21 and the JPOI, and contribute towards achieving relevant internationally agreed development goals including the MDGs. *(RoK, Switzerland, New Zealand, Australia, EU, Japan retain original para 51)*

52. We affirm that green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication should:

- (a) respect each country's [national sovereignty [**over their natural resources in accordance with Principle 2 of the Rio Declaration –G77; US delete**] [and [the – G77] right to development- Liechtenstein, US delete] [**the right of each country to choose its own vision, models and approaches towards sustainable development and policy space –G77; US delete**], as well as its –US, EU, Japan, RoK delete] national circumstances, objectives and priorities with regard to the three dimensions of sustainable development [, **with a view to enhancing the implementation of the right to development –Liechtenstein; US delete**];

[(a) bis promote the respect, protection, promotion and fulfilment of all human rights – EU, Liechtenstein, Norway, Mexico; US reserve; G77 delete]

- (b) be supported by an enabling environment and well-functioning institutions at all levels with a leading role for governments and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders;
- (c) promote sustained and inclusive economic growth, foster innovation and provide opportunities, benefits and empowerment for all;
- (c) bis take into account the needs of developing countries, [**particularly those in special situations – G77; US, EU, Japan to revert**], and acknowledge that countries establish their national priorities and policies, based on their national circumstances;
- (d) strengthen international cooperation [**including the provision of enhanced and new financial resources, capacity building and technology transfer on favourable, concessional and preferential terms to developing countries –G77**] [, mobilize the efforts of all countries and means of implementation from all sources -G77 delete], and effectively avoid unwarranted conditionalities on ODA and finance; [Japan, EU, US reserve entire para]

- (e) [be consistent with international trade rules and –US, Japan, RoK, Switzerland, New Zealand; G77 delete; EU reserve] [effectively – G77; US delete] avoid creating [trade – US, Japan, RoK, Switzerland delete, New Zealand; G77 retain] measures that constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade [in accordance with Principle 12 of the Rio Declaration –G77; US delete; Japan reserve]; [Norway, Australia retain original co-chair text] [EU reserve]
- (f) [contribute to closing technology gaps between developed and developing countries [through technology transfer – G77] and reduce the technological dependence of developing countries; - US delete; *to be addressed with para 66*]
- (g) enhance the welfare of indigenous peoples and their communities, other local and traditional communities, and ethnic minorities, recognizing and supporting their identity, culture and interests and avoid endangering their cultural heritage and traditional knowledge;
- (h) enhance the welfare of women, children, youth, persons with disabilities, smallholder and subsistence farmers, fishers and those working in small and medium enterprises, and support the livelihoods and development of [people in vulnerable situations/ **members of vulnerable groups –US, New Zealand**][in developing countries - G77; US, EU delete];
- (h) bis mobilize the full potential and ensure equal contribution of both women and men;
- (i) promote productive activities in developing countries that contribute to the eradication of poverty;
- (j) *sub-para deleted*
- (k) preserve and promote community practices and non-market approaches that have demonstrated to be useful in eradicating poverty and protecting the environment [particularly- US] [in developing countries – G77];
- (l) [address the concern about inequalities between and within countries and the related concentration of income and wealth [, **and build social protection floors – EU, G77**]. –US delete]
- [(l) bis **promote sustainable consumption and production patterns with developed countries taking the lead, and move the world towards sustainable development, in accordance with Rio Principles, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities; – G77; US, EU delete**]
- [(l) ter **effectively avoid increasing the financial burden of developing countries and their people in providing basic needs; – G77; US, EU delete**]
- [(l) quat **effectively avoid financialisation of natural resources that can result in the excessive concentration of financial resources in developed countries. –G77; US, EU delete**]

Note: RoK, Australia reserve on amendments to 52sub-paras; New Zealand reserves on proposed amendments to sub-paras)

Canada, EU, RoK propose agreeing to paras 53 to 57 with minor amendments.

53. [We view the implementation of policies related to a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication [[as a common [undertaking / effort /

endeavour]], and **–G77 delete; Japan retain**] [of interested countries – EU], **/as an undertaking of interested countries – G77; Japan revert**] and recognize that **[in considering green economy policies in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication – G77]** each country can choose an appropriate [path towards a fair and inclusive future / **implementing approach – Switzerland**] in accordance with national sustainable development plans, strategies and priorities **[in accordance with the sovereign right of states to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental and developmental policies while ensuring–G77; US delete]** [, while taking into account **–G77 delete**] that activities within their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage to the environment of other States or of areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction**–US, Switzerland delete**].

54. [We acknowledge that green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication should strive to enhance our ability to manage natural resources sustainably and with lower negative environmental impacts, increase resource efficiency and reduce waste, promote the conservation, management and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem [services – **G77 delete; US, Norway, EU retain**], and promote sustainable consumption and production patterns **[with developed countries taking the lead – G77; US, EU delete]** towards the achievement of sustainable development.] **G77 reserve**

[54 bis We recognize that strong and urgent action on sustainable patterns of production and consumption is fundamental in addressing environmental sustainability, conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, regeneration of natural resources, and the promotion of sustained, inclusive and equitable global growth. In this regard, we urge developed countries to undertake significant changes in the lifestyles of their people to move towards a more sustainable future for all. – G77 from 25 ter; US, EU, Switzerland, Japan, Norway delete]

55. We encourage each country [, as appropriate, - EU, Mexico, Norway delete; US revert] to [consider the implementation of/**implement** - Norway] green economy policies in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, in a manner that endeavours to drive sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth and the creation of [green] jobs and decent work, particularly for women and youth and [people in vulnerable situations / **members of vulnerable groups – US, New Zealand, Norway**]. In this respect, we note the importance of ensuring that workers are equipped with the necessary skills, including through education and capacity building, and are provided with the necessary social and health protections. In this regard, we encourage [business and industry/ all stakeholders – G77/all relevant stakeholders, including business and industry - EU, Norway] to contribute, as appropriate. We invite governments to improve knowledge and statistical capacity on job trends, developments and constraints and integrate relevant data into national statistics, with the support of relevant UN agencies within their mandates.

56. We [[call for / **encourage – US/ underscore the importance of evaluation of social and environmental factors – G77**] [the integration of social and environmental costs – G77 delete] in [all - US delete] decision making and policy making/**underscore the importance of evaluation of social and environmental factors and encourage, where appropriate, the integration of social and environmental costs into decision making and policy making. –**

Switzerland, Mexico RoK] [. **We – G77**] [and – G77 delete] acknowledge that it will be important to take into account the effectiveness, opportunities and challenges of green economy [**policies – G77**] in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, as well as its environmental, social and economic benefits, costs [**and risks – US delete**], using the best available scientific data and analysis. We acknowledge that a mix of regulatory measures [**in accordance with international rules, provisions and agreements and – G77; US delete/ consistent with obligations under international instruments – Norway; G77, US to check**], voluntary approaches, [non-market] and market-based mechanisms could promote green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. We reaffirm that [a framework of – New Zealand delete] social policies at all levels [is / **are – New Zealand**] vital to promoting sustainable development.

Note: G77 separate the sentence “We acknowledge that...” as a separate paragraph.

57. We acknowledge that **involvement of all stakeholders and their** partnerships, networking and experience sharing **at all levels could** help countries to learn from one another in identifying appropriate **sustainable development policies, including** green economy. We note the positive experiences in some countries, including in developing countries, in adopting green economy policies that promote sustainable development and poverty eradication through an inclusive approach and welcome the voluntary exchange of experiences as well as capacity building in the different areas of sustainable development.

58. We recognize the power of communications technologies, including connection technologies and innovative applications to promote knowledge exchange, technical cooperation [, **transfer of technology –G77; Mexico, EU, RoK suggest move to para 65**] and capacity building for sustainable development. These technologies and applications build capacity, enable the sharing of experiences and knowledge in the different areas of sustainable development, [foster transparency and accountability [**by governments – Norway delete**], - G77 delete; EU, US retain] and encourage and stimulate broader participation from a variety of stakeholders in producing and utilizing [**inter alia – Norway**], the [open, accurate and credible – G77 delete; EU retain] data required for sound, scientifically-based policies.

59. We [encourage/**urge – Switzerland**] all countries to design and implement policies related to a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. [We support the creation of a capacity development scheme involving UN agencies, multilateral and bilateral donors and the private sector to provide country specific advice, in accordance with national circumstances and priorities, and assist developing countries in accessing available funds and technologies. – US reserve] We support utilizing international platforms and partnerships that enable interested countries and major groups to share policy options and best practices, provide country-specific advice, and assist developing countries, upon request, in accessing available funds and technologies. In this regard, we acknowledge [the ongoing efforts to create and launch platforms /**the importance of having a single capacity development scheme which cooperates with already existing and newly created knowledge-sharing platforms, –Switzerland**][such as the Green Growth Knowledge Platform – G77 delete] [**among UNEP, World Bank, OECD and GGGI –RoK**], and we encourage [**other –RoK**] relevant institutions, the UN system and stakeholders to join in this effort on a voluntary basis. We further acknowledge that [the capacity

development scheme and – US reserve] these platforms should take fully into account the priority needs of developing countries, be demand-driven and accountable, voluntary, established on mutually agreed terms, respect national differences and priorities, and include:

- a) toolboxes of good practices in applying green economy policies in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication at all levels;
- b) [**sets of – New Zealand delete**] models or good examples of inclusive green economy strategies;
- c) voluntary mechanisms to promote development of, and access to, shared databases under mutually agreed terms, that countries, civil society and the private sector can use to assess and evaluate progress;
- d) [**sets of - – New Zealand delete**] methodologies for policy evaluation [and of /**including as appropriate – New Zealand**] relevant indicators [**to measure progress – New Zealand delete**]; and
- e) **directories to facilitate access to technical assistance, training, finance, technology and capacity building for countries that request assistance.**

Note: G77 reserves on entire para 59.

60. We invite all countries to consult in their national decision-making processes with **[[civil society, including – EU]** relevant major groups - G77 delete], as appropriate, on matters related to [a – G77 delete; RoK retain] green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.

*Note: G77 would like to consider the para. in section IV
EU, Canada and RoK support Chair's text of para. 58, 59, 60*

61. We underscore the importance of governments taking a leadership role in developing policies and strategies through an inclusive and transparent process. We also take note of the efforts of those countries, including developing countries, that have already initiated processes to prepare national green economy strategies and policies in support of sustainable development. **[Agreed ad ref]**

62. **We invite [all/~~developed – G77; US, RoK delete~~] countries and other relevant stakeholders, including the UN Regional Commissions, UN organizations and bodies, other relevant intergovernmental and regional organizations, International Financial Institutions and major groups involved in sustainable development, according to their respective mandates, [to work together – G77 delete; US clarify] [to support developing countries – US delete], upon request in the development of [strategies and – G77 delete; US clarify][green economy – G77] policies [to achieve a green economy – G77 delete] in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, in particular in the Least Developed Countries. [We welcome regional and cross-regional initiatives for sustainable development, such as Green Bridge Partnership which is voluntary and open for participation of all partners. – Kazakhstan, RoK, EU; US, Japan, Norway, G77 reserve] EU, RoK support original text. (RoK moves this para to section 3) (G77, US move to other section; Kazakhstan wish to retain para but flexible on placement in Section III)**

63. We **[also – EU]** invite business and industry **[as appropriate and in accordance with national legislations to contribute to sustainable development policies. – G77]** **[of any size – EU; G77, Japan delete]** **[to act in accordance with the Global Compact principles of corporate social responsibility – Norway, Australia, Switzerland]** to **[develop sustainability strategies that integrate – EU]** **[[consult with relevant stakeholders in a transparent manner to take a – EU delete]** green economy **[approach/policies – EU]****[to achieving results – EU delete]** including greening their supply chains**[and promoting social innovation – EU]****[in achieving the goals of their sustainability strategies – EU delete].** **[In this regard, we encourage business and industry to act in accordance with corporate and social responsibility principles as well as other principles, including on human rights, as set forth by the UN Global Compact. We acknowledge the role of microenterprises in contributing to social inclusion and poverty reduction in particular in developing countries. – EU] – G77 delete]**

63 alt We acknowledge the role of cooperatives and microenterprises in contributing to social inclusion and poverty reduction in particular in developing countries. We invite business and industry to act in accordance with national legislation and bearing in mind corporate social responsibility **], [such as/ as reflected in – Australia/ including but not limited to - Kazakhstan]** the UN Global Compact **[principles - RoK]**, in **[green economy policies and – Norway delete]** business practices throughout their supply chains **– G77 delete].**

[64. We encourage existing and new partnerships, including public-private partnerships, to mobilize [significant – US, EU delete] [public – G77] financing [complemented by the private sector – G77] [from the private sector, complementing public financing – G77 delete] [, taking into account the interests of local and indigenous communities when appropriate – Mexico, RoK, Japan, EU]. In this regard, governments should support initiatives for [sustainable development including – G77] promoting the contribution of the private sector [to support the transition to a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.– Switzerland, EU, Japan; G77 delete]– EU, RoK, Kazakhstan, Japan, Norway retain]

65. We recognize the critical role of technology as well as the importance of promoting innovation **[[in particular/ also – Switzerland] in developing countries – G77; EU reserve].** We invite governments, as appropriate, to create enabling frameworks that foster environmentally sound technology, R&D and innovation **[[to support green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication – G77 delete; RoK, EU, Switzerland retain pending clean-up of text].** **[In this regard, we acknowledge the importance of international sustainability standards, predictable regulation and sustainable procurement. – EU; G77 delete; US, Japan, Mexico, RoK reserve] – Japan supports Chair's text**

65 bis **[We emphasize the importance of technology transfer to developing countries. – Japan, G77; EU, US reserve]** We reaffirm the objective to promote, facilitate, and finance as appropriate, the access to and the transfer of environmentally sound technologies and corresponding know-how, in particular to developing countries, on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms **[, as mutually agreed, taking into account the need to protect the IPRs as well as the special needs of developing countries for implementation –**

EU, Japan, Australia; G77 reserve]. RoK, Mexico supports entire para – *US, Switzerland, EU reserve entire para]*

66. We recognise that the efforts of developing countries that choose to implement green economy policies in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication [should be supported [through the provision of/by **adequate** – EU] means of implementation, including financial, technical and technological assistance, such as the [**voluntary** – US] transfer of environmentally-sound technology [as mutually agreed– G77 delete] [**terms and conditions** – US], as well as capacity building – US delete]. - *Australia move para. to MOI*

67. We recognise the importance of [gathering all – G77, RoK, EU delete] [**quality and** - EU] relevant [economic, social and environmental – G77, RoK, Kazakhstan delete] information and data [**for sustainable development and poverty eradication** – G77][and of making the information available to [the public and – G77 delete] policy makers for the achievement of green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.- G77 delete; Kazakhstan, RoK retain] In this regard, [**financial** – G77] [support should be provided to/**the national efforts by** – EU] developing countries [**to collect the data.** – G77][[to enable them – EU delete] to assess their progress and enhance the effectiveness of their national policies and programs[**should be supported** – EU].- G77 delete]