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**Subject:** Re: FW: NGO statement this afternoon

Dear Dirk Jan, We have made a few added points that attempt to get at the root causes of poverty and unsustainability, namely an economy that destroys nature and marginalizes people and that will be made less sustainable as population increases. I have also streamlined the other points so as to keep the statement within the necessary 400 words.

Thanks for bringing all our ideas together!

Warmly,

Lisinka

Thank you mr. Chair,

On behalf of the ~~NGO~~ Major Group, let me briefly address the questions.

Question 1. SInce crises in the area of sustainability are created by the actions of all people as well as Governments, all must be involved in and bear responsibility for their solutions. For this, all people will need access to relevant information and participate in decision making. Governments should commit to achievable, time-bound commitments to improve transparency, participation, and accountability by implementing Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration. UNEP should (~~develop a robust program to)~~ help bring governments in line with the relevant Bali Guidelines ~~on Principle 10~~.

Question 2. We call for politically binding, concrete, measurable commitments by governments. To give some examples, we call for green public procurement policies by all authorities at all levels, on the basis of credible standards and reliable certification schemes. Also, Rio+20 should adopt a new mechanism for technology assessment, to evaluate the social, environmental and economic impacts of new technologies. Rio+20 should ban all forms of geo-engineering.

Question 3. It is urgent that we shift to a commons-based economy that centers on the well being of all people and nature, including

forests,~~A list of priority initiatives is emerging. While we agree with the issues listed, we miss some, in any case forests. With regards to policies, they will differ per issue, but for example in the case of supporting~~

agriculture that is conducive for human wellbeing and the welfare of farm animals,

an International Organization - the UN Committee on World Food Security - ~~should be~~ mandated to propose actions for implementation, based on the findings of the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development;~~. Furthermore,~~

an intergovernmental, participatory, multi-stakeholder panel to regularly review agricultural knowledge, science and technology should be established and National Action Plans be developed and implemented.

Question 5. We support proposals for a set of Sustainable Development Goals, which complement the Millennium Development Goals, and an internationally agreed green economy roadmap or action plan with specific goals, ~~and~~ actions, ~~and~~ principles, and binding timelines, to guide implementation and monitoring mechanisms. In addition, the 10YFP on SCP negotiated at CSD-19 should be implemented.

Question 6: Here are some guidelines for the required technology transfer for sustainable development:

1. Use should be made of commons-based free shared resources, such as Wikipedia, free course materials and research, share ware--many available through the Internet.

2. Binding rules for nation state and corporate accountability must be implemented. ~~Nation states and private entities need the same binding minimum rules for~~

3. There must be openness and all people must have access to decision-making with regards to goods and services they need to survive and thrive.

4. Furthermore, we demand an abolition of subsidies to fossil fuels and other harmful causes.

Question 7, Rio should establish an SD Council for committed and extended deliberation to review agencies and countries’ progress towards SD, and for fostering cooperation with all stakeholders. To best address the specific requirements for IFSD, we also call for the establishment of Ombudspersons for Future Generations at all levels to advocate for sustainable development as envisaged by the Brundtland Commission and to serve as an auditor at the heart of governments."

On Thu, Dec 15, 2011 at 4:25 PM, Dirk-Jan Verdonk <djverdonk@wspa.nl> wrote:

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**Onderwerp:** NGO statement this afternoon

Dear all,

Attatched the first rough draft of the statement. It’s about 400 words and should stay that length. So any additions need to be very, very concise.

As Chantal line explained, we don’t need to explain what’s wrong, but only what Rio should deliver, answering the questions.

In terms of process:

Please send me your comments before 11:30.

I’ll send you a second draft before 12:30.

We will finalize the statement at 13:30, upstairs at the sofa’s next to the entrance to room E. (or, if there’s no room, find some other place upstairs).

Shantal Munro from the Carribean Policy Department is willing to deliver the statement this afternoon – thanks Shantal!

Thanks for all your contributions & best,

Dirk

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