

STATEMENT

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Distinguished Chairperson, Excellencies Delegates,

Slovenia has been for long a devoted supporter of sustainable development. This has been reflected in a number of development indicators. But no doubt we can still do more and we shall do more.

However, we are fully aware of problems of unbalanced and badly managed development in many parts of the world, in a great extent in the developing countries. The figures on the world population without access to basic sanitation and water are appallingly large.

In accordance with our capabilities we will be increasing our resources devoted to development assistance beyond the present level mainly channeled through multilateral mechanisms.

We are convinced the present system of development assistance does not only require more resources but also better and more effective implementation of accepted guidelines/programs for improvement of water management and sanitation as the basic prerogatives for progress in all areas of life. We thus fully support the initiatives and principles endorsed by CSD.

We all know that many developmental problems are linked to the consumption and production disparities. It is upon all of us to engage in changing these disparities, not only as responsibility to our generation but, no doubt, to the future generations. We should not deprive the future generation of decent life due to negligence and lack of action in the direction of priciples we all continously endorse.

Thank you.