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STATEMENT ON THE ROUND TABLE ON DEVELOPING PROGRAMMES AND A FRAMEWORK TO ACCELERATE THE SHIFT TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

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Mr. Chairman,

Let me join others in expressing our appreciation for the excellent manner you have been conducting the affairs of this session. We also want to commend the panellists for their excellent presentations.

Nigeria would like to align herself with the statement made by the representative of Argentina on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

Humanity is at cross-road. Unsustainable production and consumption practices are among the biggest challenges to achieving sustainable development. And this is impacting on the finite resource base which supports life on earth. Imbalance in global consumption and production patterns is widening the gap between the developed and developing countries.

Mr. Chairman,

Nigeria accords high priority to the issue of sustainable consumption and production (SCP). We have initiated various policies and programmes to advance the course of SCP, mainstreaming the principles into our national policies and action plans. Our National Development Action Plan, the Vision 2020:20, is an articulation of the long-term intent to launch Nigeria onto the path of sustainable development. The vision is based on the precept of sustainable consumption and production. The vision has two

broad objectives – optimising human and natural resources to achieve rapid economic growth, and translating that growth into equitable social development for all citizens, without jeopardising our natural resource base.

We have created institutional mechanisms to support and encourage SCP. We have also evolved various laws and regulations to address specific SCP issues. We believe that a good regulatory framework, based on national circumstances and peculiarities, is very important to achieving the goals of sustainable consumption and production.

Mr. Chairman,

Nigeria calls for adequate financial resources, technology transfer and capacity building, particularly to developing countries for the implementation of the 10YFP. Proven indigenous knowledge systems should be incorporated in the implementation of the 10-YFP. There should be partnerships and collaboration amongst all sector players at national, regional and global levels to support the 10YFP.

The 10YFP should not be bogged down with interagency wrangling, conflict of purpose, and duplication of efforts. Unnecessary bureaucracy should not be allowed to impede the implementation of the 10YFP. There should be a clearly defined institutional arrangement and governance structure, as well as a predictable innovative funding mechanism for the 10YFP. The accessing of funds for the 10YFP by developing countries should not be complicated. The implementation of the 10YFP should be transparent, inclusive, equitable, and forward looking, taking into consideration the special needs of the developing countries.

Mr. Chairman,

Finally, we want to thank those who have supported the 10YFP initiative since inception, the Marrakech Process, and the dedication of a Task Force on Africa.

What is very important now, and which we have the opportunity at this CSD -19 to do, is to ensure that the identified issues in 10YFP are adequately addressed, and that the goals are achieved in the years ahead according to plan.

Nigeria will continue to support all regional and global efforts to promote sustainable consumption and production.

Thank you.