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Madam Co- Chair, Honorable Ministers, Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen;

~~It is my honor and pleasure to take part in this round table on sustainable consumption and production, a significant subject that ranks high among the priorities of the international community.~~

Following Prof. von Weizacker's comments I would like to elaborate on Israel's' experience in water management. Since the establishment of our state, 62 years ago, we are facing a chronic water shortage. As a result we have become world leaders in water technologies. Just to name a few: drip irrigation, desalination of marginal & sea water & treatment of waste water to a level which enables us to reuse them in agriculture for all crops. Currently we are reusing >70% of our wastewater in agriculture. Our efficient agriculture results in the highest yield per unit of water & land. We are ready to share our experience & knowledge with all of you.

In 2003, the Government of Israel began enacting a comprehensive policy related to the principles of sustainable developmen

much remains to be done. We remain committed to shrinking the gaps between rhetoric and reality by introducing the best available technologies to our industries, implementing integrated pollution prevention and control programs, and most importantly, raising awareness of sustainable consumption and production practices.

In December 2009, a Green Government initiative was approved by our cabinet. The decision mandated the government to lead by example on the issue of sustainable development. As such, the government set

organizations” are raising public awareness of sustainable lifestyle patterns which will permeate all sectors of society.

It is my hope that we will emerge from this round table as agents of change for sustainable consumption and production practices in our respective countries and around the world.

Thank you.