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Inputs to – The Guidelines for Enhancing Major Groups Participations at
UNEP's Governance Level

After reviewing the document sent to us, dated 29 June 2007 – Guidelines for Enhancing Major Groups Participation at UNEP's Governance Level; from the three models presented: Regional Elections, Nine +Twelve +Twelve and Appointed Committee. Nine +Twelve +Twelve model is supported. Meanwhile, the following concerns are to be taken consideration:

1. Major Groups Facilitation Committee (MGFC): Terms of reference at Global Level. With reference to paragraph 44; considering resources gap between accredited organizations from different spheres (developed, emerging, and developing countries); the bidding policy based on the listed criteria only will not allow a fair representation of spheres, including: related experiences, skills, knowledge, thoughts. We recommend to UNEP Secretariat in the process of selecting the nine representatives, though based on listed criteria, to consider also fair representation of spheres within the nine.
2. The term of major group representatives. No indication was made regarding selection procedure. –How many times a person shall be selected consecutively as a major group representative?

We do support the initiative and recommend the establishment of a MGFC with knowledgeable, skilled, and experienced persons from different spheres and regions. The exercise of a rotation representation that facilitate an –in and out – of expertise will make the MGFC a constructive learning space for major group representatives.

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