

WGP-24: Agenda point 7.d – Future financial arrangements

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Thank you chair for giving me the floor.

I speak on behalf of the NGO Ecoropa and on behalf of the ECO forum.

Today - more than ever - we need a healthy environment, a healthy planet.

The challenges we face due to destruction of biodiversity and climate change are still there - even while we are in the middle of a pandemic.

We know that the protection of the environment is essential to human well-being - this hasn't changed in the last months.

The enormous economic recovery funding to deal with the the pandemic and its effects must be subjected to environmental and human health criteria.

For this we need the forceful engagement of citizens in all three areas of the Convention. The structure of the Convention must be made stable and functional - more than ever.

Human health is inseparably linked to the environment in which we live.

As civil society, we therefore call on all Parties to commit to strong and reliable financial arrangements.