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Madam Chairperson,±

**IUCN.** The hospitality I have felt since I arrived here is confirming everything I have heard about this beautiful country: warm and welcoming.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The current scientific evidence is unequivocal: our survival on this planet and

pillars of Sustainable Development by looking at nature and the services it provides for human well being as a critical asset for social and economic development. In this regard, the vision that IUCN would like to share with the global community is one of “*a just world that values and conserves nature for a sustainable future*”.

To achieve this vision, there are some critical considerations that need to be taken into account in shaping the Sustainable Development Goals:

a) First, we need to ensure

