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Dear Sirs,

## **Sustainability Counts**

I must apologise for responding a few days past the requested date of 29<sup>th</sup> January but unfortunately the consultation document did not reach my office until early January.

In general the document seems perfectly reasonable but we do feel that there is one MAJOR omission from the headline indicators summarised at Annex 1. In Table 1 page 5, reference is made specifically to "Prudent use of natural resources" but all that appears below and in Annex 1 is "Waste". Use of natural resources "MUST figure in headline indicators and cover such matters as extractive materials, timber, energy (and energy sources), etc.

I trust that this comment can be included with those given due consideration.

Yours sincerely

Dr. R. A. Fuller

Hon. Secretary