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Statement (OEWG 1.2)

Thank you, Madam Chair, for this opportunity and also, I would like to thank the United Nations and Thailand Government for hosting this timely event.

I am Dr. Nandhivarman Muthu, representing the Association for Promoting Sustainability in Campuses and Communities, headquartered in Puducherry, India.

While complimenting the Developing Countries stand in the deliberations on 30&31 January 2023, in addition to Major Groups recommendations, in my opinion, an integrated policy for pollution prevention is an important approach because it considers natural resource conservation and environmental protection in addition to the economy while addressing poverty, hunger, and health in developing countries. Given the nature of environmental risks, my suggestion is to hold firmly to the Precautionary Principal 15 of the Rio Declaration *'Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation'*.

Considering *'small actions matter and its cost effectiveness'* and to effect the functions-assessments, multidisciplinary case studies, gap analysis, and capacity building on pollution-preventing pathways could be carried out in the organized sectors starting from educational institutions, industries, etc... Doing so would increase the number of novel, multidisciplinary and evidence-based case studies with relevant information and real-time data for non-duplicating policymaking, and these current case studies would become future practices addressing the triple planetary crisis.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

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