

As this is the first time Canada takes the floor, we would like to thank to the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on a Science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and prevention of pollution for the organization of the meeting , and to congratulate you on your election as chair, we would also like to thank the government of Thailand for its hospitality for the hosting of the meeting. On the issue of the scope, Canada's view is that it is important to develop a scope that balances flexibility and specificity, and that is appropriately broad to allow the panel to be responsive to the evolving knowledge, science innovation and developments in chemicals, waste management and pollution prevention, while also being clear to allow manageability.

It appears premature to propose prescriptive analytical approaches such as the global value chain approach, since that may exclude aspects that have been identified as part of the work of the panel in the UNEA Resolution 5/8.

Canada suggests it may be advisable, in framing the scope, to reference the importance of not duplicating the work of MEAs, or other international instruments and intergovernmental bodies in the areas of chemicals, waste and pollution prevention, given the number of entities already established and working in this space.

In reference to the objective proposed for consideration in UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/4, Canada would like to see a stronger alignment with the wording of the UNEA resolution 5/8.