

The below is the Japanese statement on the scope under agenda item 6.

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Japan supports the integrated approach and broad scope.

The scope of the Science-policy panel should be broad enough to encompass a wide range of potential interests, including the support to national efforts and the support to MEAs and other international instruments properly.

Taking into account ongoing discussions in the field of chemicals, waste and pollution at the global level, it is also important to maintain flexibility for the Science-policy panel so that it can respond to the needs identified by stakeholders and agreed to by its member Governments, as referred to in the UNEA5 resolution.

Japan supports an integrated approach to deal with chemicals, waste and pollution. However, making use of the supply chain or value chain of chemicals as the starting point of the work will automatically create some issues which are not covered by this panel. These approaches should be dealt with in the context of conceptual framework as one of the elements as appropriate, rather than in the objective.

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