

Thank you Madam Chair

1. As first time Tonga take the floor on this ad-hoc meeting, I would also like to convey my gratitude to the host country, the Kingdom of Thailand for the warmth hospitality and hosting this important event, I also appreciate the wonderful reception, host by the Thailand Ministry of Environment yesterday.
2. I also wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Secretariat for all arrangements that you have done to make this meeting possible.
3. And as a single delegate for Tonga, I congratulate you Madam on your election.

To begin with, Tonga as a **Small Developing State (SDS)** appreciate the collaboration and effort made by all, from UNEA to Regional Organizations, and from Member States to NGOs, in contribution, especially those who willing financially and Technical support to this ongoing meeting for establishment of this Panel.

As a Small Island State, we're not ready to the worse impact of chemical waste and pollution due to our capacity, technically and financially. Therefore, we are full hand on deck in support the global effort and the Secretariat in driving this proposals for the establishment of this Science policy panel, in overall.

I will be alligning to any concern raise from any of the Pacific States and Small Island States, as we alike in capacity, nature, and the experiencing of the impact.

The proposed approach scope related to chemical, waste, and pollution, will be an instrument available to protect our fragile environment as a Small Island State.

I believe that our waste chemical and pollution issues have not be fully addressed in global stage, but In establishing this Science policy panel, will provide an opportunity, and it's a consideration made by UNEA to picked the left behind, as in the proposed SCOPE of the panel and consideration for way forward document 1/4 .

I thank you