

Please find below the interventions under 2 items discussed yesterday plenary (Item 5 and Item 6)

5. Options for the timetable and organization of the work of the OEWG.

**Md.Chair, colleagues,**

**Since this is the first time Saudi Arabia is taking the floor, we would like to thank the government of Thailand for hosting the meeting and UNAE secretariat for all the efforts,**

- **Regarding the proposed program of work for this OEWG in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/6 describing “Update from the Secretariat on Resource Mobilization Efforts, the Budget and a Provisional Workplan document”,**

**On the content of the work program, it currently addresses some of the elements such as scope, functions, institutional arrangements, RoP, work program and budget. However, the work program should give space and time to cover all the mandated elements as listed in Resolution 5/8 in para 5 which includes in addition to the element in the current work program, elements such as name of the panel, arrangement of engagement of experts, procedures for the review and the adoption of reports and assessments, conflict of interest, and other matters as needed by OEWG.**

**We would like to see a work program for this working group which covers equally all the issues mandated to this group. We also would like also to see a component in the work program to address the guidelines/principles provided in the Resolution 5/8 para 6 some of which include inclusiveness, transparency, complementarity, and ability to address conflict of interests.**

**Thank you Madam Chair and we look forward to work with all member states to advance the work on this high impact science policy panel.**

6. Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel

**Regarding the scope of the panel,**

**We support focused question for the panel reflecting its clear mandate. The scope of the panel should be clearly defined to address it is objective without overlapping with other bodies, this does not mean limited scope but focused and complementary to existing efforts by other bodies as indicated in Res 5/8. We also support Integrative approach for the panel.**

**We believe that scope discussion should start with the objective. The objective has to include the guidelines mentioned in the resolution 5/8 such as inclusivity and transparency, and the important attribute of being non-policy prescriptive.**

**We do not support the objective proposed in the document as it should be focused on the essence of Res 5/8 providing the main items in the resolution. No new and non-negotiation elements can be introduced into the objective at this point. The objective leading to the scope should have 4 main items: main functions, outputs and nature of this output or products, categories of input information, and main aim and response options. These should include the following elements:**

- 1) **Main functions: horizon scanning, assessment, scientific information dissemination and sharing**
- 2) **Nature of products: Policy relevant, transparent, inclusive, complementary**
- 3) **Categories of input information: scientific, technical, and socioeconomic**
- 4) **Main aim/goals: the sound management of chemicals and waste and prevention of pollution**

**Thank you Madam Chair and we look forward to work with all member states to advance the work on this high impact science policy panel.**