Meeting of the Bureau of the Ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution 27 February 2023

13:00 – 15:00 (EAT; GMT + 3)

Hybrid meeting - UNEP Governance Affairs Office meeting room, Gigiri, Nairobi Online meeting link

ANNOTATED PROVISONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

The Chair will open the meeting and the Bureau will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda.

2. Lessons learned from OEWG-1.

Bureau members and the Secretariat will be invited to reflect on the outcome and proceedings of the first meeting of the OEWG, with a view to identifying lessons learned to be taken into account in preparation of OEWG-2 and OEWG-3.

3. Preparations for OEWG-2.

a) Date and venue OEWG-2.

The Secretariat will update the Bureau on the latest state of play with regard to the dates and venue for OEWG-2. The Bureau will be invited to provide further guidance to the Secretariat, and possibly endorse the proposed dates and venue.

b) Roadmap towards OEWG-2 and OEWG-3.

The Secretariat present a draft roadmap for the preparations for OEWG-2 and OEWG-3, taking into account the guidance provided at OEWG-1, including with regard to dates and topics of intersessional online webinars, planned informal consultations with Member States and Stakeholders, and the key dates for preparing working documents for OEWG-2. The Bureau will be invited to provide inputs to the draft roadmap to ensure consistency with the outcome of OEWG-1.

c) Planned documentation for OEWG-2

The Secretariat will provide an update on the focus and timeline for the preparations of documentation for OEWG-2. The Bureau will be invited to consider the planned documentation, including the annotated agenda and the scenario note, keeping in mind the request by the Bureau to review the outlines of the documents before submission to the OEWG.

d) Election of Officers

Following the postponement of election of officers in the Bureau from the Eastern European Group and a general request from several Member States to find a pragmatic solution to ensure that the Group is kept informed about important intersessional developments and preparations for OEWG-2, the Bureau will be invited to identify possible options to meet this request.

4. Organization of work.

The Bureau will be invited to consider its organization of work, including with regard to upcoming meetings.

5. Other Matters

The Bureau will be invited to discuss any other matters related to its work.

6. Closing of the meeting.

The meeting is expected to close at 15:00 at the latest.