

Japan's Written Submissions on the needs and questions the panel may handle

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1. Please list and if appropriate briefly describe, your preference for which needs the panel may handle. *(If possible, please rank your responses, where 1 indicates your top preference):*

Many scientific and technical subsidiary bodies have already been established under the existing conventions and future instruments to be developed as well as international organizations. The science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution is expected to provide comprehensive scientific and technical support for international chemicals management in a manner that crosses the boundaries of these existing instruments/organizations and their efforts. Specifically, we believe the following needs can be addressed by the SPP:

- (i) The function to review and provide scientific findings as a basis for considering effective and consistent management and its activities among relevant organizations, international organizations and conventions without duplication or cracks where are not appropriately covered while zooming out and having a big picture of the lifecycle of chemicals that encompass chemicals, waste, environmental pollution and other fields.
- (ii) The function to provide comprehensive information from a neutral and objective perspective including risk-based assessment backed up with scientific evidence and assessment of socio-economic impacts (trade-offs that also address the benefits of

chemicals). Information must be provided by each stakeholder including industries in the review process.

- (iii) The function to compile information on inventories by chemicals.
- (iv) A function to provide scientific findings timely on issues of concern to support discussions at the ICCM.
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2. Please provide any relevant comments on the needs you have listed above:

3. Please list, and if appropriate briefly describe, your preference for which questions the panel may handle. *(If possible, please rank your responses, where 1 indicates your top preference):*

4. Please provide any relevant comments on the questions you have listed above: