

ICCA Statement for SPP OWEG 2

Dear Madam Chair, delegates, excellencies.

I am speaking today on behalf of the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), which represents the global chemical industry and is part of the Business and Industry Major Group.

We would like to thank the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for hosting this conference and UNEP for organizing and preparing the meeting.

ICCA continues to be a strong supporter of the Science Policy Panel for chemicals, waste, and pollution prevention and appreciates the opportunity to participate in these discussions. ICCA continues to look forward to working with all stakeholders to develop this important panel.

On the topics of relationships with relevant key stakeholders, ICCA supports inclusion of a wide range of stakeholders to the panel. We believe that this should not be overly prescriptive at this time, as it also depends on the assessments the panel is undertaking.

On the topic of conflict of interest, we support the inclusion of a policy modeled after IPBES and IPCC, with concrete disclosure forms. To be successful, we ask all stakeholders to be collaborative and open minded, and respectful of other's expertise. Transparency is key to avoid any potential issues and to establish a credible Science Policy Panel.

ICCA believes that the scope of the panel should be broad, and include all types of pollution, including ambient air pollution. The goal of the panel should be to provide policy-relevant scientific evidence, so that countries can make informed decisions about issues in the Chemicals, Waste and Pollution space.

We also support the inclusion of capacity building into the scope of the panel.

Thank you for your attention and for allowing us to express our views.