

Madam Chair, Excellencies, Colleagues,

We also would like to Congratulate Elected Members of the bureau

In addition The European Union and its Member States echo interventions made earlier today, in its commitment to condemn and fight against racism.

The EU remains fully committed to the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance including its contemporary forms

We support the views of those expressing the regret that the case of racism, which we consider has been adequately addressed and closed, has been brought to this meeting, distracting the participants from substance discussion.

We invite everyone to use the remaining time as productively as possible, to make visible progress on the creation of the science policy panel.