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My name is Martin Scheringer and I speak on behalf of the International Panel on Chemical Pollution (IPCP), an association of academic scientists that is accredited with the BRS conventions.

Our intervention concerns the COI disclosure form presented in document INF/10/Add.1. We think the form is important because it will make transparent the various funding sources, activities and mandates of experts to be involved in the work of the panel.

However, we would like to propose a modification of the form, namely that financial and non-financial interests are covered in two separate parts of the form.

We are aware that some sections of the form already refer specifically to financial or non-financial interests, but at many points in the form financial and non-financial interests or commercial and non-commercial organizations are mentioned in the same sentence. This is the case for example in sections 2, 3, 6 and 7.

We are making this proposal because financial and non-financial interests are very different in nature and in the way they may cause COIs.