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

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Submission by contact group 4

The annex to the present submission sets out the outcome of the discussions on options for the timetable and organization of the future work of the ad hoc open-ended working group.
Annex

Outcome of the work of contact group 4: Intersessional work

[The following text reflects the outcome of the contact group’s work as at on 15 December 2023.]

Request the secretariat, for consideration at the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group, to:

1. Prepare draft texts, for consideration by the ad hoc open-ended working group at its third session, for:
   (a) Annex 1, taking into account existing rules and procedures of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the United Nations Environment Assembly;
   (b) Annex 2;
   (c) Annex 3;
   (d) Annex 4, based on the views expressed in contact groups 2 and 3, and in accordance with the table of contents set out in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/10/Rev.1;¹

2. Update document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/10/Add.2 based on the views expressed in contact groups 2 and 3;

3. Prepare proposals to be considered by the intergovernmental meeting for the purpose of considering establishing a science-policy panel, for consideration by the ad hoc open-ended working group at its third session;

4. Prepare proposals on interim arrangements, for consideration by the ad hoc open-ended working group at its third session, for consideration and possible approval at the intergovernmental meeting;

5. Prepare a relevant information document to facilitate the understanding of the working document requested on financial arrangements;

6. In preparation for the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group, prepare proposals for a revised conflict of interest form based on the discussions at the second session of the ad hoc open-ended working group;

7. Prepare, in consultation with the Bureau, timely webinars on:
   (a) The capacity-building function of the panel, and submit a summary of the views expressed for the information of the ad hoc open-ended working group at its third session;
   (b) The documentation prepared by the secretariat for the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group;

8. Facilitate regional consultations ahead of the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group.

¹ The working titles in [ref. to the annex to be included in the report of OEWG2] of the annexes listed in paragraphs 1 (a)-(d) of the present annex are: annex 1. [Rules of procedure]; annex 2. [Financial rules and procedures]; annex 3. [Process for determining the work programme, including prioritization]; and annex 4. [Procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables].