



Distinguished delegates,

I am Enkhuun Byambadorj from Mongolia.

Today, I take the floor on behalf of the Children and Youth Major Group not only as a representative of the current generation but also as a voice for the future generations whose fate lies in the decisions we make today. As such, we are advocating for the **inclusion of intergenerational equity in the operating principles** of the Future Science Policy Panel not just as a technical requirement but rather as a moral imperative.

We would like to highlight that the principle of intergenerational equity builds on the United Nations' long history of acknowledging the need to **safeguard future generations**, dating back to the UN Charter of 1945. Furthermore, The 1972 Stockholm Declaration underscored the (*quote*) "solemn responsibility to protect and improve the environment for present and future generations," (*end quote*) and set the objective of preserving natural resources. Subsequent declarations and agreements including the Rio Declaration, the UNFCCC, CBD, and other MEAs have **reaffirmed the need to safeguard the rights and interests of future generations**.

**Following in the footsteps of these groundworks**, we must recognize that the decisions we make today and the policy recommendations of the Future SPP will profoundly impact the quality of life for generations to come. Our actions must reflect a deep-seated commitment to ensuring that our children and grandchildren inherit a world where they can thrive, rather than struggle with the environmental degradation and resource scarcity that we have the power to prevent.

In complementarity with intergenerational equity, we further emphasise **the importance of meaningful youth engagement (today) through the establishment of a Youth Expert Advisory Group** that will incorporate the lived experiences of young people with chemicals, waste, and pollution in bridging science and policy through youth substantive contributions to the future SPP works.

Finally, we reiterate the importance of embedding **a human rights-based approach**, adopting **a flexible and iterative approach**, incorporating robust **conflict of interest** policies, advocating for the **rights of the impacted and vulnerable communities**, and enhancing **capacity building and awareness** to set a precedent for inclusive, transparent, equitable and forward-thinking governance that honors our shared responsibility to protect and preserve the environment for all generations.

Thank you for the floor.