

GRULAC intervention project, theme 4 (Traducción Libre)

Preparation of proposals for the creation of a scientific and normative group.

Madam Chairman, distinguished delegates

1.- I have the honor to make this intervention on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC).

2.- We stress the importance of integrating capacity building and capacity strengthening in all relevant aspects of the Panel's work, such activities should enhance the individual and institutional capacities of countries, particularly in developing countries. We are confident that the Panel will operate under principles such as the promotion, respect and protection of human rights, human health, gender equality and intergenerational equity, and will ensure effective, geographically balanced and inclusive participation.

3.- We recognize that in an increasingly interconnected world, the creation of a strong Secretariat with this approach will facilitate the implementation of coordinated training and development programs, aligned with the specific needs of all countries. In this regard, developing countries will benefit from having a strong and fully operational secretariat in place at an early stage.

4.- To this end, an adequate and accessible financial mechanism is necessary for the equitable participation of all member states and other sectors, emphasizing its flexibility to adapt to the economic capabilities of each country. We believe that this will foster a sense of collective ownership and commitment to determine the best work program to follow.

5.- All of this will act as a catalyst to address priority needs with a focus on health and environment, resulting in the creation of collaborative networks and mutual learning opportunities. We believe it is a priority to maintain the focus on promoting cooperation among states, through the exchange of knowledge, technologies and experiences among countries, in order to find innovative solutions adapted to our realities.

6.- Finally, it is essential to recognize the hard work of the regional groups and we invite all member states to continue constructive dialogue. Recalling that it is imperative that decision-making processes related to the protection of human health and the environment from hazardous substances and waste are grounded in robust, transparent, independent scientific research and free from conflicts of interest. GRULAC is committed to continue building bridges that unite us with the actors and stakeholders to ensure that this process is a success and that we are able to fulfill our mandated objective.

Thank you very much