

Asia-Pacific Group Statement in Closing 2nd session of the 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

Madam Chair!

Excellencies and distinguished colleagues, I would like to deliver a statement on behalf of the Asia Pacific Group.

- 1-The Asia-Pacific Group would like to thank the government and people of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for hosting the second session of the open-ended working group. We would also like to thank the government of Kenya and UNEP for the work undertaken to organize this meeting. Our group also appreciates the Secretariat for its hard work for all the documents prepared and the support of this meeting.
- 2-The Asia-pacific group actively contributed in the discussion throughout the week, and the region benefitted a lot from excellent collaboration and coordination among us.
- 3-With respect to future meetings and intersessional work, given the ongoing discussions and preparations for numerous pertinent working documents. The Asia-Pacific Group advocates for a thoughtful approach to ensure ample time and opportunity for representatives to develop into the discussions surrounding the draft documents.
- 4-Moreover, numerous countries in the Asia-Pacific region belong to the group of developing nations and acknowledge the significance of capacity building. This involves the provision of financial resources, technical assistance, and the transfer of technology to aid these countries in fulfilling the mandate of the Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.
- 5-Furthermore, The Asia-Pacific Group wish to emphasize the significance of ensuring gender and regional balance in the representation and participation of scientists and other pertinent stakeholders in the forthcoming activities of the Science-Policy Panel.
- 6-The Asia-Pacific Group appreciate Switzerland for offering to host the third OEWG meeting.

In summary, the Asia-Pacific Group re-affirms its dedication to actively participate in the discussions, anticipating productive collaborative efforts in the tasks that lie ahead.

Thank you Madam Chair.