

Written submission from the Government of Brazil on views on the SPP OEWG 3 meeting documents

Brazil stands firmly in support of establishing an intergovernmental panel on pollution (SPP) that prioritizes capacity building, a strong conflict of interest policy, and special attention dedicated to health and environmental aspects.

Regarding capacity building, we endorse "Proposal 1" presented by GRULAC and the African Group, emphasizing the need for robust capacity-building functions, This should be reinforced by strong financial arrangements with a strong conflict of interest policy, elevating the panel beyond the current efforts of the IPBES and IPCC. Brazil emphasizes that capacity building is fundamental for effective participation by developing countries in the panel's processes. In our view, the panel should also foster strategic partnerships with excellence centers for implementing capacity-building activities.

Brazil champions operational principles that include non-discrimination, impartiality, gender and language balance with a traceability mechanism in all the panel's products. We would also like the panel to respect geographical social and racial equality, intergenerational equity, and the needs of addressing the particular concerns of developing countries as a key priority, while promoting and protecting human rights as a cross-cutting principle.

Moreover, Brazil emphasizes the knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities, and the technical knowledge of workers, especially populations in vulnerable situations, with a focus on waste pickers when dealing with waste management and early childhood when dealing with pollution prevention.

In terms of governance, we defend a plenary body comprised solely of member states, with other actors participating as observers when appropriate.

Decision-making on substantive issues should be by consensus, ensuring equitable, unbiased representation and inclusion.