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Dear Members of the Secretariat,

On behalf of Barwaqa Relief Organization (BRO), we are pleased to submit our recommendations for the ongoing work of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) 3.2, focused on establishing a Science-Policy Panel to promote sound management of chemicals, waste, and pollution prevention.

BRO is committed to addressing critical challenges faced by underserved communities in the semi-arid regions of Kenya. Our focus includes access to clean water, sanitation, food security, shelter, and economic stability, particularly for Indigenous communities, women, children, Indigenous youth, and persons with disabilities. These groups are significantly impacted by pollution, flooding, drought, desertification, and land degradation.

We urge the Panel to ensure meaningful participation of grassroots NGOs working with marginalized populations, as their local knowledge is crucial for crafting effective, context-sensitive policies. Additionally, we advocate for equitable representation in decision-making processes, particularly for women, Indigenous youth, and persons with disabilities.

prioritizing capacity building for local NGOs and communities to strengthen their involvement in scientific and policy discussions. This should include providing necessary tools, knowledge, and resources to support their engagement.

Finally, we emphasize that those most affected by pollution, especially Indigenous communities and vulnerable groups, must be prioritized. Their experiences should inform the development of responsive and inclusive policies that truly benefit these communities.

Sincerely,
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