

Thank you, Madam Chair,

The EU&MS attach great importance to the involvement of stakeholders in the work of the panel at the appropriate levels. This will contribute to transparency in the work of the Panel, to the incorporation of best available expertise and information, and will enhance the outreach and impact of its products.

In this regard, we appreciate the draft text proposals on strategic partnerships provided in the Information document INF 10 which constitute a good basis to start discussions. In establishing strategic partnerships, the Panel should act in line with UN and UNEP rules and procedures.

Thank you, Madam Chair.