Thank you, Madam Chair,

Discussions at OEWG 1.2 identified a preference for a short yet broad objective for the SPP. We agreed to include the functions as set out in UNEA resolution 5/8. Therefore, the EU and its Member States suggest not reopening the discussion on the agreed functions.

However, we are ready to move forward on the negotiations and engage in further discussion regarding the fifth possible function which was proposed at OEWG 1.2.

Regarding the operating principles, we would like to encourage starting discussions based on the principles contained in document INF/10. We believe that operating principles should be concise, clear and should stand on their own, as they should guide the panel's work in all its facets.

Thank you very much.