

Thank you, Madam Chair,

The tables of content provided in INF 10 provide a starting point for discussion, even if they will need to be filled with concrete text proposals. To this end, the EU&MS in general believe that the processes and procedures established under IPBES and IPCC could be valid models to be adapted to the work of the future Panel, taking into account the specificities of the future Panel in each aspect.

Also, the EU&MS suggest prioritizing the development of those processes and procedures which are necessary to be developed by the OEWG over those which can be decided once the Panel is established. In this respect, we consider that the conflict of interest protocol a priority to be proposed by the OEWG. For the other procedures the OEWG might develop first proposals if time allows, which could then be further developed by the future Panel itself.

The EU&MS appreciate the draft Conflict of Interest Policy set out in Addendum 1 and the draft on Procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Panel in Addendum 2 to the document INF 10. We look forward to discussing the details in a contact group.

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