Thank you Madam Chair for giving me the floor

The Philippine government is supportive of the overall objective of creating a Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.

In the creation of a functional panel, we would like to propose that the scope and functions of the panel will be consistent with other multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) on chemicals and waste policy framework and will support the enhancement of regional and global cooperation.

The panel, for it to deliver on its mission and objectives, will need adequate funding with a sustainable, predictable, and accessible financing mechanism. The availability of such funding and other resources is very important in order to facilitate capacity building and technology transfer, particularly for developing countries. But it is also very important to highlight the need for a clear policy on disclosure of conflict of interest.

Further, we support the creation of an inclusive, gender-responsive, and multidisciplinary panel.

And lastly, we also would like to thank the Thai government for their generous hospitality and for the UNEP for organizing this meeting.

Thank you, Madam Chair