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To The Secretariat, The ad hoc OEWG,
United Nations Environment Program (UNEP),
UN Avenue, Gigiri, Nairobi,
P.O. Box 30552 – 00100,
Nairobi – Kenya.

Dear Madam/Sir,

RE: Written Comments

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the OEWG 3.2 working documents. On behalf of Comparatively for Tanzania Elites Community Organizers (CTECO), an Accredited UNEP NGO Observer, we respectfully submit our recommendations — grounded in our steadfast commitment to sustainability, inclusivity, dynamic governance, and robust multi-stakeholder collaboration.

A. Context and Opportunity

As we approach the resumed third session of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on a Science-Policy Panel (SPP OEWG 3.2) scheduled for June 14–19, 2025, in Punta del Este, Uruguay, followed by the Intergovernmental Meeting on June 19–20, 2025, we see a pivotal moment. This period is an opportunity to create a framework for chemicals, waste management, and pollution prevention that is both comprehensive and forward-thinking. We propose a multi-tiered governance model that integrates national, regional, and international dimensions through effective Technical Working Groups (TWGs).

B. Key Priorities and Observations

1. Multi-Level Science-Policy Panel Coordination

- ♣ **Structured Panel Operations:** The Science-Policy Panel (SPP) should operate effectively at national, regional, and international levels to cultivate localized solutions, promote robust regional cooperation, and foster a cohesive global strategy.
- ♣ **Role of National TWGs:** Establish dedicated TWGs in every member state with clear mandates to verify policy proposals, address local challenges, and harmonize scientific recommendations in the fields of chemicals, waste management, and pollution prevention.
- ♣ **Transboundary Collaboration:** Align national and regional strategies with global frameworks such as the IPCC, IPBES, and the Great Green Wall Initiative, and integrate multilateral agreements (Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm, and Minamata Conventions) to ensure policies are evidence-based and contextually relevant.

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2. Enhancing Institutional and Coordination Structures

♣ **Coordinated Governance:**

- ✓ **National Level:** A unified National SPP Platform should be established to oversee policy implementation, promote the exchange of best practices, and collaborate effectively with the National Technical Working Groups (TWGs).
- ✓ **Regional Level:** At the regional level, form a **Regional SPP Platform** as part of the **Global Advisory Platform on Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution (GAP-CWP)**. This platform should comprise science experts nominated by each National SPP Platform to foster collaboration and regional alignment.
- ✓ **International Level:** Under the guidance of UNEP, create an **International Global Advisory Platform on Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution (GAP-CWP)**. This global platform should include representatives from each National SPP Platform, ensuring cohesive and globally integrated governance.

- ♣ **Composition of the National SPP:** Chaired by the Permanent Secretary from the national science coordinating ministry, the body should include representatives from all science-related ministries, development partners, CSOs/NGOs, grassroots organizations, Faith-Based Organizations, networks for People Living with Disabilities (PLWD), Indigenous communities, and elder persons. This diverse composition will ensure transparent discussions and enhance accountability.

3. Investing in Research and Educational Outreach

- ♣ **Enhanced Funding and Technical Support:** Prioritize investments in research addressing climate adaptation, pollution prevention, and sustainable waste management to ensure that evidence is translated into effective policy.
- ♣ **Promoting Educational Engagement:** Establish science-policy panel clubs in schools, universities, and local communities to empower students, children/youth, and vulnerable groups, thereby nurturing a culture of sustainable chemical and waste governance.

4. Empowering Stakeholders and Fostering Inclusive Participation

- ♣ **Community Engagement:** Ensure active involvement of researchers, policymakers, and marginalized groups by employing inclusive, gender-responsive, and children/youth-inclusive participation mechanisms.
- ♣ **Clear, Measurable Outcomes:** Define transparent objectives that address the disproportionate impacts of chemicals and waste hazards on vulnerable populations, including appropriate compensation for loss and damage.
- ♣ **Inclusive Governance Frameworks:** Maintain transparent, merit-based National SPP TWGs with published terms of reference, equitable recruitment, and structured reporting. Strengthen partnerships with governments, academic institutions, private sectors, and civil society to capture a broad range of perspectives.

5. Sustainable Advocacy and Cross-Sector Leadership

- ♣ **Recognition of Leadership:** Recognize and reward leaders for their commitment to advancing chemicals, waste management, and pollution prevention, thereby enhancing community resilience.
- ♣ **Building Strategic Coalitions:** Collaborate with entities such as the Africa Forest Forum, African Group of Negotiators Experts Support (AGNES), the Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI), the Berlin Forum on Chemicals and Sustainability, the Geneva Environment Network, IPEN, and other UNEP-affiliated organizations to promote evidence-based policymaking and share best practices.

- ♣ **Dispute Resolution:** Develop fair mediation mechanisms to address non-compliance and foster collaborative solutions.

C. Recommendations for SPP Governance and Interim Arrangements

- ✓ **Renaming the Panel:** We propose renaming the Science-Policy Panel (SPP) to be the "**Global Advisory Platform on Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution (GAP-CWP)**". This new title clearly reflects its mission, integrative approach, and focused mandate.
- ✓ **Transparent Reporting and Oversight:** Implement standardized reporting frameworks, clear performance indicators, and independent audits to ensure accountability for all Member States.
- ✓ **Capacity Building and Financial Support:** Introduce tailored training programs, technology transfer initiatives, and resource-sharing to empower LDC Member States, Civil Societies and stakeholders. Additionally, link LDC Member States, Civil Societies and stakeholders to international funding mechanisms with flexible, development-oriented terms, mentioning but not limited to:
 - i.) Green Climate Fund (GCF)
 - ii.) Global Environment Facility (GEF)
 - iii.) Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)
 - iv.) Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)
 - v.) UNEP Special Programme Trust Fund
 - vi.) Adaptation Fund
 - vii.) Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol

D. Conclusion

CTECO remains dedicated to advancing global environmental governance through science-driven policies for chemicals and waste management. By ensuring transparency, accountability, inclusivity, and fairness, we can secure the effective implementation of sustainable environmental resolutions. We call on all Member States, environmental experts, and stakeholders to join us in refining and endorsing these recommendations as we work toward a sustainable and equitable future.

Sincerely,



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Director

On behalf of Comparatively for Tanzania Elites Community Organizers (CTECO)