

Thank you Madame Chair.

The Contact group met over two sessions on Thursday to continue their discussion on the Conflict of Interest, and made good progress in a second reading of the remaining sections of the document, namely Sections B, C and the Implementation Procedures from Annex A. The group shared a cooperative spirit and succeeded in cleaning some of the previously introduced brackets in the text. The group further discussed on the Annex B, the COI Form. The resulting document was submitted as a Conference Room Paper - document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/CRP.4 Conflict-of-interest policy for the panel, for the consideration of the Plenary, and the group agreed to request contact group 4 to consider the following intersessional activity: Open a call for written submissions concerning the Col form and prepare a revised Col form based on the written submissions received.

The group returned to its discussion on the operating principles and continued its work to develop a draft proposal on operating principles based on INF/10, including the missing elements that were previously identified by the group, as mandated by the Chair. The group took the opportunity to propose additional text, or suggestions for deletions in the list of principles, and although brackets remain in the draft text, the group has succeeded in achieving its mandate of developing a draft proposal on operating principles. The resulting list was submitted as a Conference Room Paper - document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/CRP.3 Operating principle of the panel, for the consideration of the Plenary.

The group held two sessions dedicated to capacity building, a previously agreed function of the future panel, which remained without agreed text to further elaborate upon the function. The group was joined by representatives from the Ozone Secretariat, the BRS Secretariat, and IPCC, and many examples of if and how capacity building was

undertaken by these entities. The group was mandated by the Chair to consider the scope and functions, including a text proposal on capacity building that complements the agreed text on function and the objective of the panel. Though no consensus on the capacity building function was reached, the group has concluded its work as requested, and a Conference Room Paper – document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/CRP.5 Scope, objective and functions of the panel was submitted from the group for consideration of the Plenary. The group agreed to request contact group 4 to consider the following intersessional activities: A webinar dedicated to capacity building.

The group was also mandated to identify possible intersessional work to prepare for the next session of the OEWG that could be submit to Contact Group 4. The Contact group has identified two primary activities for intersessional work, as previously mentioned.

With these updates, we are happy to report that the contact group has achieved all of the mandates provided to it by the Chair. We would like to thank all of the colleagues who contributed or listened to the very thought-provoking dialogues. The group held themselves to a high standard of conduct, and the meetings were conducted with a cooperative spirit throughout the week. I would also like to thank my co-facilitator Suki for her efficient and able leadership this week. Finally, I would like to thank the Secretariat for their hard work this week and in the intersessional period to ensure that we could have these important discussions this week.

I would like to give the floor to my co-facilitator Suki to provide her remarks.

Thank you madame Chair.