

Closing Statement of Eastern European region group

Madam Chair, Member State delegates, observers, ladies, and gentlemen.

On behalf of the countries of the EEG region, I would like to thank the Secretariat, bureau members and UNEP for organizing this meeting. We would like to thank the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for its commitment to host this meeting and the Republic of Kenya for providing the venue.

We highly appreciate the work done by OEWG SPP during this meeting. It is another important step to establishing the Science-policy panel, an ambitious instrument to improve chemicals and waste management, pollution prevention, and environmental protection. Although Institutional Arrangements, Operating Principles, and Conflict of Interest were challenging to debate, we now have a better idea of how we envision the future instrument's structure.

Despite not having a complete document without brackets, we believe we have succeeded in producing a draft of the future instrument that will benefit people's health, and environment and will aim for achieving sustainable goals. However, we remain aware of the amount of work that still must be done to obtain the final result that satisfies all of us. Thus, we expect that the intersessional period will bring us opportunities to get closer to that, and the next OEWG meeting will be another milestone in our work in this forum. We thank you madam Chair for your leadership that moved this process forward. We appreciate your efforts.

Last but not least, we want to thank the translators for their hard work during the meeting.

The Eastern European region group pledges to actively participate in further discussions and looks forward to a fruitful collaboration.

Thank you, Madam Chair.