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**Intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel  
to contribute further to the sound management of  
chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution**  
Punta del Este, Uruguay, 19 and 20 June 2025

## **Draft report of the intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution**

### **Introduction**

1. In its resolution 5/8, the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) decided that a science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution. The Assembly also decided to convene, subject to the availability of resources, an ad hoc open-ended working group to prepare proposals for the science-policy panel that would begin its work in 2022 with the ambition of completing it by the end of 2024. The Assembly requested the Executive Director of UNEP, upon completion of proposals prepared by the working group, to convene an intergovernmental meeting for the purpose of considering the establishment of a science-policy panel.
2. Accordingly, the intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution was held at the Convention and Exhibition Centre, Punta del Este, Uruguay, on 20 June 2025, back to back with the second part of the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, held at the same venue from 15 to 19 June 2025.
3. [to be completed]

### **I. Opening of the meeting**

4. The meeting was opened at 11 a.m. on Friday, 20 June 2025 by Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
5. Opening statements were delivered by Alejandro Nario, National Director of Quality and Environmental Assessment, Uruguay; and the Executive Director of UNEP.
6. [to be completed]
7. Subsequently, statements were delivered by representatives of Governments, regional and political groups [and groups of stakeholders].
8. [to be completed]

### **II. Election of officers**

9. The intergovernmental meeting elected Yutaka Matsuzawa (Japan) and Laura Dupuy (Uruguay) as Co-Chairs of the intergovernmental meeting.

10. Following their election, the Co-Chairs delivered opening statements.
11. Ms. Dupuy said [to be completed]
12. Mr. Matsuzawa said [to be completed]

### **III. Organizational matters**

#### **A. Rules of procedure**

13. Introducing the sub-item, the Co-Chair recalled that the intergovernmental meeting had been convened pursuant to United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/8. In accordance with established practice, the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly therefore applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the proceedings of the intergovernmental meeting.

#### **B. Adoption of the agenda**

14. In considering the sub-item, the intergovernmental meeting had before it the provisional agenda (UNEP/SPP-CWP/IM/1), the annotated provisional agenda (UNEP/SPP-CWP/IM/1/Add.1) and the scenario note for the meeting (UNEP/SPP-CWP/IM/INF/1).

15. The intergovernmental meeting adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of officers.
3. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Rules of procedure;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (c) Organization of work.
4. Credentials of representatives.
5. Establishment of a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report of the meeting.
8. Closure of the meeting.

#### **B. Organization of work**

16. The intergovernmental meeting agreed to organize its work as outlined in the annotated provisional agenda (UNEP/SPP-CWP/IM/1/Add.1) and the scenario note for the meeting (UNEP/SPP-CWP/IM/INF/1).

17. The intergovernmental meeting agreed to the arrangements proposed by the Co-Chair for the conduct of the business of the meeting. Those arrangements addressed, among other things, the speaking order for the intergovernmental meeting, time limits for statements and the United Nations practice concerning the right of reply.

#### **C. Attendance**

18. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following Governments: [--]
19. Representatives of [--] also attended the session.
20. Representatives of the following United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, secretariats of other intergovernmental organizations, secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements and other entities attended: [--]
21. Representatives of the following non-governmental, industry, academic and other entities attended: [--]

## IV. Credentials of representatives

22. At the 1st plenary session, on the morning of Friday, 20 June 2025, the Co-Chair recalled that, in accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly, which applied *mutatis mutandis* to the work of the intergovernmental meeting, each member of the intergovernmental meeting was to be represented by an accredited representative, to be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as might be required.
23. In accordance with paragraph 1 of rule 17, the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers were to be submitted to the Executive Director before the first meeting that representatives were to attend.
24. As at 20 June 2025, credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been submitted to the Executive Director of UNEP by the following [--] States and one regional economic integration organization in respect of their representatives to the intergovernmental meeting: [to be completed].
25. As at 20 June 2025, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the intergovernmental meeting had been communicated to the Executive Director of UNEP by means of a scanned copy in electronic form of formal credentials signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a scanned copy of a letter or note verbale including from the Permanent Mission concerned or by means of another form of communication, by the following [--] Governments: [to be completed]
26. The intergovernmental meeting adopted the report on representation and credentials.

## V. Establishment of a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

27. Introducing the item, the Co-Chair provided an overview of the relevant documentation. He said that the intergovernmental meeting would consider three draft decisions transmitted to the meeting by the ad hoc open-ended working group, namely draft decisions on the establishment of the Panel (UNEP/SPP-CWP/IM/2); on recommendations for consideration by the Plenary at its first session (UNEP/SPP-CWP/IM/3); and on arrangements for the interim period (UNEP/SPP-CWP/IM/4).
28. Gudi Alkemade, Chair of the ad hoc open-ended working group, introduced the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group and the three draft decisions.
29. [to be completed]
30. The intergovernmental meeting adopted by consensus the following decisions, which are set out in annex [--] to the present proceedings:
- | <i>Decision</i> | <i>Title</i>                                                          |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| [--]            | Establishment of the panel                                            |
| [--]            | Recommendations for consideration by the Plenary at its first session |
| [--]            | Arrangements for the interim period                                   |
31. Following the adoption of the decisions, several representatives delivered statements in explanation of position.
32. [to be completed]

## VI. Other matters

33. [to be completed]

## VII. Adoption of the report of the meeting

34. [to be completed]

## **VIII. Closure of the meeting**

35. [to be completed]

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