



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

STATEMENT BY KENYA AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING TO ESTABLISH A SCIENCE-POLICY PANEL TO CONTRIBUTE FURTHER TO THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS AND WASTE AND TO PREVENT POLLUTION ON JUNE 20, 2025, PUNTA DEL ESTE

**Executive Director of UNEP,
Co- Chairs,
Distinguished Delegates,
Esteemed Colleagues.**

1. At the outset, Kenya aligns with the statement delivered earlier by the distinguished representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on behalf of the Africa Group.
2. Kenya thanks the Government of Uruguay for the hospitality extended since arrival in this beautiful city of Punta del Este. At the same time, Kenya thanks all Member States and stakeholders for the efforts invested in achieving consensus on the documents we are adopting today.
3. Science does not lie. Chemical pollution has become a matter of a great concern, calling for urgency of scaled positive interventions. In this regard, Kenya welcomes the establishment of the Panel and will collaborate and work with all to ensure it effectively discharges its mandate.

4. Chemical and waste pollution is intricately linked to the ongoing crisis of climate change and biodiversity loss. This panel will add value to the work being undertaken by the IPCC and IPBES and contribute, to a wholistic body of knowledge and information that is critical for policy and decision making.
5. At the first plenary session, it would be important to agree on the outstanding issues so that we do not delay the operationalization of the Panel. Some of the issues include agreement on financing arrangements without pre-conditions, enhance capacity building and to locate the secretariat at the UNEP HQ

Thank You

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