

**Resumed third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention (OEWG 3.2)
15 – 18 June 2025, Punta del Este, Uruguay**

Tables presenting by topic the texts from the foundational document and the draft rules of procedure to be considered under the proposed contact groups

Non-Paper (upon request of the bureau)

Note by the Secretariat

The ad hoc open-ended working group may wish to consider documents UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/6, 3/7 and 3/8 with a view to finalizing the foundational document, the draft rules of procedure and the draft decisions for consideration and adoption by the intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel.

The tables below reflect the proposed clustering of text presented in the scenario note for OEWG 3.2 (Annex III of UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/8).

The tables have been prepared as a tool to facilitate discussions within the contact groups during the resumed third session of the open-ended working group by topic. They compile, for ease of reference, for each proposed contact group and topic the relevant text extracted verbatim from the following working documents of the OEWG 3.2:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/6 - Foundational document and related draft decision for consideration by the intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/7 - Recommendations for consideration by the governing body of the science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution at its first session and related draft decision for consideration by the intergovernmental meeting

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/8 - Proposal on interim arrangements to be considered by the intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel

The tables are intended to support the contact groups in organizing and advancing their work. The tables do not replace the working documents listed above and there is no overlap in text considered under each of the contact groups. They are provided without prejudice to the structure or outcome of discussions. Kindly note that the yellow highlighted text in the first table below corresponds to text “parked” and not discussed at OEWG 3.1.

1. Contact group 1: Membership and functions of the bodies of the panel, decision-making and related draft rules of procedure

Decision making + Rules 35 – 45, 49	
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<i>Paragraph 4 (Alt 1 and Alt 2) and related paragraphs on consensus 2(a)ter, 8(j)</i> B. Operating principles and approaches of the panel 2(a)ter. [Ensuring][Finding] consensus in its decision-making process on matters of substance. I. [Plenary][Governing Body of the Panel] 4 Alt 1. [The [Governing Body [of the Panel]][Plenary] is the [governing and] decision-making body.][of the Panel] 4 Alt 2. [The Governing Body of the Panel is the Panel's decision-making body which takes decisions during a plenary meeting] Functions of the governing body of the panel 8(j) Adopting and amending rules of procedure and financial rules and procedures [by consensus].	Rules 35 – 45 (these were parked at OEWG 3.1), Rule 49 (first reading at OEWG 3.1) 11. Decision-making Matters of substance Rule 35 1. The members of the [governing body of the] Panel take decisions on matters of substance by consensus, unless otherwise provided for by the rules of procedure. 2. If all efforts by the members of the [governing body of the] Panel to achieve consensus on a matter of substance have been exhausted and no consensus has been reached, the decision will, as a last resort, be taken by a [two-thirds majority] vote. Matters of procedure Rule 36 1. On matters of procedure, the members of the [governing body of the] Panel are to make every effort to achieve consensus. If all efforts by the members [of the Panel] to achieve consensus on a matter of procedure have been exhausted and no consensus has been reached, the decision will, as a last resort, be taken by [a two-thirds][an eighty percent] majority vote of the members [of the Panel] present and voting, unless otherwise provided for by the rules of procedure. 2. If the question of whether a matter is procedural or substantive arises, the Chair will rule on the question. Any appeal against the Chair's ruling will be put to a vote immediately, and the ruling will stand unless overruled by a majority of the members present and voting. 3. When deliverables of the Panel are being considered, differing views are to be explained and, on request, recorded. Differing views on matters of a scientific, technical or socioeconomic nature are to be represented in the scientific, technical or socioeconomic document concerned, as appropriate in a given context. Differences of views on matters of policy or procedure are to be recorded in the

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	report of the session, as appropriate in a given context. Voting Rule 37 Each member of the [governing body of the] Panel has one vote. Rule 38 1. [Except where the rules of procedure expressly provide otherwise, the decisions of the governing body of the Panel will be made by a majority of the members present and voting.] 2. For the purposes of the rules, the phrase “members present and voting” means members present and casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members who abstain from voting are considered as not voting. Rule 39 Subject to rules [--] and [--], the governing body of the Panel will normally vote by a show of hands, but any representative may request a roll call, which will then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members, beginning with the member whose name is drawn by lot by the Chair. Rule 40 The vote of each member participating in a roll call will be recorded in the relevant documents of the governing body of the Panel. Rule 41 After the Chair has announced the beginning of voting, no member is to interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting. The Chair may permit members to explain their votes, either before or after the voting, except when the vote is taken by secret ballot. The Chair may limit the time allowed for such explanations. Elections Rule 42 1. All elections will be held by secret ballot unless the governing body of the Panel decides otherwise.

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	2. After completion of the elections, the number of votes for each candidate and the number of abstentions will be recorded. Rule 43 1. If, when one person or member only is to be elected, no candidate obtains, in the first ballot, the majority required, a second ballot will be taken, restricted to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided, the Chair will decide between the candidates by drawing lots. 2. In the case of a tie in the first ballot among the candidates obtaining the second largest number of votes, a special ballot will be held for the purpose of reducing the number of candidates to two. In the case of a tie among three or more candidates obtaining the largest number of votes, a second ballot will be held. If a tie results among more than two candidates, the number will be reduced to two by lot and the balloting, restricted to them, will continue in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Rule 44 1. When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates obtaining the required majority on the first ballot will be elected. 2. If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is more than the number of places to be filled, those candidates obtaining the largest number of votes will be elected. 3. If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots will be held to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates having obtained the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot, who will number not more than twice the places remaining to be filled. In the case of a tie between a greater number of unsuccessful candidates, however, a special ballot will be held for the purpose of reducing the number of candidates to the required number. 4. If three restricted ballots are inconclusive, unrestricted ballots will follow in which votes may be cast for any eligible person or member. If three such unrestricted ballots are inconclusive, the next three ballots (subject to exception in the case similar to that of the tie mentioned at the end of the previous paragraph of this rule) will be restricted to

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	the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the third of the unrestricted ballots. The number of such candidates will not be more than twice the places remaining to be filled. 5. Subsequent ballots will be held in the same manner (unrestricted ballots in series of three) until all the places are filled. Equally divided votes Rule 45 If a vote is equally divided on matters other than elections, the proposal will be regarded as rejected. 13. Modifications to the rules of procedure Rule 49 [The present rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the governing body of the Panel [by consensus].] - Unless the governing body of the Panel decides otherwise, any proposed modifications to the rules of procedure submitted by members of the [governing body of the] Panel or the Bureau should be communicated to all members of the [governing body of the] Panel at least eight weeks before they are submitted to the session at which the modifications are expected to be discussed. - A rule of procedure may be suspended by the governing body of the Panel provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given. The notice may be waived if no member objects.

Institutional Arrangements	
Foundational Document	Draft Rules of Procedure
Foundational document: Paragraph 3 3. [The panel as a whole encompasses the governing body, the Bureau, subsidiary bodies (including the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee), the secretariat and the groups of experts contributing to the work programme delivery.]	

Functions of the Governing Body + Rule 2	
Foundational Document	Draft Rules of Procedure
Foundational document: Paragraph 8 (a), (c) (could also be discussed under participation of observers), I. [Plenary][Governing Body of the Panel] Functions 8. The functions of the [Plenary][Governing Body of the Panel] include: (a) ² (footnote: <i>The matter of decision making will be addressed in paragraph 4.</i>) (c) Soliciting and responding to submissions and requests for the work programme from governments, [including through the governing bodies of] relevant United Nations entities, relevant multilateral agreements, other international instruments and intergovernmental bodies and [relevant stakeholders] by following procedures and processes set out in relevant documents; Foundational document: Paragraph 8 (b), (d)-(i) 8. The functions of the [Plenary][Governing Body of the Panel] include: (b) Adopting the Panel’s work programme to deliver on each of its functions; (d) Ensuring the active and efficient participation of civil society as observers in the Plenary; (e) Electing the Bureau, the members of the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee and other subsidiary bodies, in accordance with the rules of procedure; (f) Establishing subsidiary bodies, in accordance with the rules of procedure; (g) Accepting, adopting or approving scoping documents and deliverables, in line with procedures and processes set out in relevant documents. (h) Approving a budget and overseeing the allocation of the Trust Fund. (i) Deciding on an evaluation process for the periodic and independent review of the Panel’s efficiency, effectiveness and impact, in line with procedures and processes set out in relevant documents; (j) Adopting and amending rules of procedure and financial rules and procedures [by consensus].	Rules of procedure: Rule 2 (f), (g), (l) (these were parked at OEWG 3.1) 2. Definitions Rule 2 For the purposes of these rules of procedure: f) “Governing body of the Panel” means the Panel’s decision-making body, comprising all the members of the Panel g) “Meeting” means a single sitting at a session of the governing body of the Panel; l) [“Session” means any ordinary or extraordinary session of the governing body of the Panel;]

Membership of the Governing Body	
Foundational Document	Draft Rules of Procedure
Foundational document: Paragraphs 5 alt 1, alt 2 Membership 5 <i>Alt 1</i> [[Membership in the [Plenary][Governing Body] is open to any State Member of the United Nations [or member of United Nations specialized agencies], [and Regional Economic Integration Organizations,] [as specified further in provisions of the rules of procedure.]] regarding participation by Regional Economic Integration Organizations,] having expressed its intent to be a member of the Panel.] 5 <i>Alt 2</i> [Membership of the governing body of the panel is open to States Members of the United Nations and UN non-member observer states.]	Rules of procedure: Rules 2 (h), 5, 6 (these were parked at OEWG 3.1) Definitions Rule 2 h) “Member” means any State Member of the United Nations or member of a specialized agency having expressed its intent to be a member of the Panel; 4. Members and observers Membership Rule 5 Membership of the governing body of the Panel is open to States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies, who may become members of the governing body of the Panel by expressing their intent to do so. Participation of States not members of the [governing body of the] Panel, United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations² Rule 6 1. The governing body of the Panel is open to participation by observers as defined under rule 2. 2. [The representatives of the European Union, in its capacity as an observer, may participate in the session and work of the governing body of the Panel under the same modalities as those applicable to its participation in the sessions and work of the United Nations General Assembly. Thus, the representatives of the European Union are allowed enhanced participation in sessions of the governing body of the Panel, including the right to speak in turn, the right of reply, the right to introduce proposals, the right to provide views and the ability to support the implementation of the work programme of the Panel through financial support. Such rights do not grant the right to vote, to co-sponsor draft resolutions or decisions or to put forward candidates.]

Participation of observers	
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Foundational document: Paragraphs 6, 6 alt, 7 Participation of [observers] [States not members of the Panel, United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations] 6 [Participation as observers is open to] [The [meeting of the] [Governing Body][Plenary] is open to participation as observers to any [Member [or observer] State of the UN][State] not a member of the Panel, any United Nations entity and any other body, organization or agency, whether national or international, governmental, intergovernmental or non-governmental, Indigenous Peoples[,] [or other disproportionately impacted populations and other relevant stakeholders,] and local communities [[qualified][with expertise] in matters covered by the Panel], and which [has][have] informed the Secretariat of the Panel of its wish to be represented at sessions of the [Governing Body][Plenary], subject to the rules of procedure.] [Non-governmental organizations are to have consultative status, within the United Nations in order to participate as observers in the Governing Body of the Panel.] [6 Alt. The Plenary meeting is open to participation by observers to any State not a member of the Panel, any United Nations entity, organization or agency, whether national or international, governmental, intergovernmental or non-governmental, Indigenous Peoples[,] [or other disproportionately impacted populations and other relevant stakeholders,] and local communities [qualified in matters covered by the Panel], and which [has][have] informed the Secretariat of the Panel of its wish to be represented at sessions of the [Governing Body][Plenary], subject to the rules of procedure]. 7 [The [Governing Body][Plenary] is open to participation by regional economic integration organizations as observers. The European Union is allowed enhanced participation in sessions of the Plenary, including the right to speak in turn; the right of reply; the right to introduce proposals; the right to provide views; and the ability to support the implementation of the work programme of the Panel through financial support, among other	Rules of procedure: Rules 2 (i), 7, 8 (these were parked at OEWG 3.1), Annex to the rules of procedure (not touched) Definitions Rule 2 i) “Observer” means any State not a member of the Panel, any regional economic integration organization, any secretariat of a multilateral environmental agreement, or any other body, organization or agency, whether national or international, governmental, intergovernmental or nongovernmental, including any organization or representative of Indigenous Peoples or of local communities, that has expertise in matters covered by the Panel and has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at sessions of the governing body of the Panel, subject to the provisions set out in the rules of procedure; 5. Admission and participation of observers Rule 7 1. [At its first session, the governing body of the Panel will adopt the Panel’s policy and procedures on admission of observers, as set forth in the annex to the rules of procedure.] 2. Any State Member of the United Nations or member of a specialized agency that is not a member of the [governing body of the] Panel and any United Nations entity or secretariat of a multilateral environment agreement will be considered as admitted by the governing body of the Panel as an observer and need not submit an application or other documentation. 3. Bodies, organizations and agencies that already have observer status with any United Nations system entity or are accredited to the United Nations Environment Assembly or to any multilateral environment agreement are considered observers of the Panel if they so request, except as the governing body of the Panel otherwise decides. 4. Observers in a session of the governing body of the Panel will be considered admitted by the governing body of the Panel as observers in subsequent sessions of the governing body and need not submit subsequent applications or other documentation unless the governing body decides otherwise.

Participation of observers	
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means. [These rights do not grant the ability to be elected to the Bureau of the Panel].]	Rule 8 Observers may, at the invitation of the Chair, participate in the proceedings of any meeting, without the right to vote or to join or block consensus.

Bureau	
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Foundational document: Paragraphs 9, 10, 11, 12 II. Bureau 9. A Bureau is established [by the Governing Body of the Panel] [to provide oversight of the Panel][oversee the implementation of decisions of the Plenary]. Membership 10. The Bureau will be comprised of two members from each of the 5 UN regional groups and elected by the Governing Body, including one chair and 9 vice chairs, one of whom shall act as rapporteur, as provided for in the rules of procedure [,keeping in mind the need for the Panel to have [sector] geographical, regional and gender balance]. 11. Members of the bureau are selected for their expertise relevant to the functions of the bureau. Functions 12. The functions of the Bureau include: (a) Advising the Chair and the secretariat on the preparation and conduct of business of the Governing Body and its subsidiary bodies; (b) Monitoring the observance of the Panel's procedures and processes set out in relevant documents; (c) Supporting the Panel's work during the intersessional period; (d) Monitoring progress in the implementation of decisions of the Plenary/Governing Body, if so directed by the Plenary/Governing Body; (e) [Advising the Plenary on coordination between the Panel and other relevant institutions;]	Rules of procedure: Rules 2(a) (this was parked at OEWG 3.1), 13 (paragraphs 1 – 3 were parked at OEWG 3.1), 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 (first sentence was parked at OEWG 3.1), 20 Rule 2 a) "Bureau" means the body of elected members of the governing body of the Panel, comprising the Chair and the Vice-Chairs, who assist the Chair in the general conduct of business of the Panel, as set forth in the rules of procedure; 8. Members and operation of the Bureau Rule 13³ 1. The Bureau comprises two members from each of the five United Nations regional groups, including one Chair and nine Vice-Chairs, one of whom acts as Rapporteur. 2. Members of the Bureau are nominated by their regional groups and elected by the governing body of the Panel, bearing in mind the need for the Bureau's membership to have disciplinary, geographical, regional and gender balance. 3. The Bureau may invite co-chairs of subsidiary bodies, representatives of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations and experts to attend its meetings as observers. 4. The term of office of a Bureau member is [two years][three years], with the opportunity for re-election for one consecutive term. Such term of office starts at the end of the session at which the member is elected and ends at the close of the session at which the member's successor is elected. The Chair will be rotated among the five United Nations regions every three years, without the possibility of reelection as Chair.

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(e) alt [Advising the Plenary on policy aspects and on coordination and cooperation between the Panel multilateral environmental agreements, other international instruments, intergovernmental bodies, and other science-policy bodies in order to avoid overlap and duplication of work with existing efforts;]	5. [Each [country]][region] may designate alternates, to be approved by the governing body of the Panel, to represent the region at a Bureau meeting if a Bureau member is unable to attend.] Rule 14 The Bureau meets as necessary, either in person or by electronic means, to advise [the Chair and] the secretariat on the conduct of business of the governing body of the Panel and its subsidiary bodies. Rule 15 1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred on the Chair [elsewhere in the rules, the Chair]: (a) Represents the Panel; (b) Declares the opening and closure of each session; (c) Presides at sessions of the governing body of the Panel and meetings of the Bureau; (d) Ensures the observance of the rules of procedure in accordance with the definitions, functions and operating principles of the Panel; (e) Accords participants the right to speak during ordinary and extraordinary sessions; (f) Applies the decision-making procedure []; (g) Rules on any points of order during ordinary and extraordinary sessions; (h) Subject to the rules of procedure, exercises complete control over the proceedings and maintains order. 2. The Chair may also propose: (a) The closure of the list of speakers during debates; (b) A limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and the number of times a member or observer may speak on an issue; (c) The adjournment or closure of debate on an issue; (d) The suspension or adjournment of an ordinary or extraordinary session. 3. The Chair and the Bureau, in the exercise of their functions, remain at all times under the authority of the governing body of the Panel. Rule 16 The Chair participates in sessions in that capacity and may not at the same time exercise the rights of a representative of a member.

Bureau	
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	Rule 17 1. The Chair, if absent from a session of the governing body of the Panel or a meeting of the Bureau, or any part thereof, should designate one of the Vice-Chairs to act as Chair. 2. A Vice-Chair acting as Chair has the same powers and duties as the Chair and may not at the same time exercise the rights of a representative of a member. Rule 18 1. If the Chair resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, a new Chair is elected at the next session to serve the remainder of the term of office of the departing Chair. Until a new Chair is elected, one of the Vice-Chairs, as agreed by the Bureau, serves as the Acting Chair. 2. [If a member of the Bureau, other than the Chair, resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, that member is replaced by the alternate from the same [region].] Nomination of members of the Bureau Rule 19 The secretariat will invite members to submit to the secretariat, no less than four months before the election, written nominations and accompanying curricula vitae of nominees to the Bureau. The governing body of the Panel may accept late nominations at its discretion. The secretariat will post the nominees' names and curricula vitae, as well as the identity of the nominating region, on the website of the Panel within a time frame that facilitates consideration of the nominees by members prior to the session of the governing body at which elections are to take place. Election of members of the Bureau Rule 20 1. The members of the Bureau will be elected by the governing body of the Panel by consensus [unless the governing body decides otherwise][unless a member requests a Bureau member or members to be elected by vote][unless a consensus is not reached and the governing body decides to proceed to a vote].

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	2. If the governing body of the Panel decides to elect members of the Bureau by vote, the vote will be held at an ordinary session of the governing body and in accordance with the rules of procedure.

Interdisciplinary Expert Committee	
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Foundational document: Paragraphs 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 III. Committees and subsidiary bodies Interdisciplinary Expert Committee 13. An Interdisciplinary Expert Committee is established. Membership of the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee 14. The Interdisciplinary Expert Committee comprises an equal number of members from each of the [regions of the institutions hosting the secretariat] [5 UN regional groups].³ 14 Alt The Interdisciplinary Expert Committee will be comprised of five experts from each of the 5 UN regional groups. The membership of the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee may be modified by a further decision of the Governing Body. 15. Members of the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee are nominated by regions and elected by [the Governing Body during a] Plenary, [taking into account the need to ensure][ensuring] the committee is interdisciplinary, [by] ensuring contributions from experts with a broad range of disciplinary expertise; has inclusive participation, including by indigenous peoples; and has geographical, regional and gender balance.⁴ 16. Interdisciplinary Expert Committee members are selected for their scientific, technical [, socioeconomic] or [policy] expertise and	Rules of procedure: Rules 2(m) (this was parked at OEWG 3.1), 20 bis (first reading at OEWG 3.1), 21 – 23 (were parked at OEWG 3.1), 24, 25 – 29 (first reading at OEWG 3.1) Rule 2 m) “Subsidiary body” means a committee, subcommittee, working group, expert group or other entity established as part of the Panel structure pursuant to paragraphs [--] to [--] of the foundational document. 9. Subsidiary bodies (membership, operation, election of members) <i>Rule 20 bis (suggested numbering)</i> [1. Unless otherwise decided by the governing body of the Panel, the rules of procedure will apply mutatis mutandis to the proceedings of the subsidiary bodies.] [2. Each subsidiary body will elect its own officers.] Interdisciplinary Expert Committee Rule 21⁴ The Interdisciplinary Expert Committee reports to the governing body of the Panel, will carry out the scientific, technical and policy functions as articulated in paragraphs [--] to [--] of the foundational document or as agreed by the governing body and will organize itself as it considers appropriate to fulfil its functions. Rule 22⁵ 1. The membership of the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee will be based on equal representation, with five members nominated by each of the five United Nations regions and five members nominated by observers of the governing body of the Panel.

Interdisciplinary Expert Committee	
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knowledge of the main elements of the work of the Panel. 17. [Representatives of non-governmental participants as well as the Chair of the United Nations Environment Management Group may [participate] as ex officio members in Interdisciplinary Expert Committee meetings. The representatives of non-governmental participants are elected by and from non-governmental participants engaged in the work of the Panel.⁵] 17 Alt Representatives of non-governmental participants as well as the Chair of the United Nations Environment Management Group may [participate] as [observers], by invitation of the Chair, in Interdisciplinary Expert Committee meetings. 18 [Members of the Bureau, representatives of other relevant science-policy interfaces [(including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services)] or international organizations, and representatives of relevant multilateral [environmental] agreements may be invited to participate as observers in meetings of the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee.] Functions of the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee 19. The functions of the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee include: (a) Providing advice to the Plenary and the Bureau on, and coordinating the delivery of, scientific and technical and capacity building aspects of the Panel's programme of work; (b) Providing advice and assistance on technical and/or scientific communication matters; (c) Developing a transparent peer review process to ensure the highest levels of scientific quality, independence, inclusivity, integrity, and credibility for the Panel's deliverables following procedures and processes set out in relevant documents (d) In consultation with the Bureau, advising on and overseeing the process for defining the scope of deliverables;	2. The co-chairs of the Committee may invite the Bureau members to participate as observers of the Committee. The chairs of the scientific subsidiary bodies of the multilateral environmental agreements related to chemicals, waste and pollution prevention, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Chair of the United Nations Environment Management Group will participate in Committee meetings as observers. 3. The Committee may also invite experts from United Nations system organizations and non-governmental representatives to participate as observers, as appropriate. 4. The members of the Committee are selected for their personal expertise and are not intended to represent any particular region. 5. The term of office of a member of the Committee is three years, with the opportunity for reelection for one consecutive term. The term of office starts at the end of the session at which the member is elected and ends at the close of the session at which the member's successor is elected. 6. In order to facilitate continuity of the Panel's work, members of the Committee will have staggered terms, with the aim of ensuring that no more than half of the Committee members are elected at a session of the governing body of the Panel. 7. The co-chairs of the Committee will be elected by the members of the Committee and the Committee should rotate the position of the co-chairs among the range of its members at regular intervals. Rule 23 1. Candidates for the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee are to be proposed by members and observers of the governing body of the Panel. 2. Taking into account disciplinary, geographical, regional and gender balance, and in keeping with the operating principles in paragraphs [--] to [--] of the foundational document, each region will nominate five candidates for membership of the Committee. In the event that a region cannot agree on its nominations, the governing body will decide.

Interdisciplinary Expert Committee	
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(e) Selecting experts for Panel activities as agreed in the Work Programme taking into account the need for different disciplines and forms of knowledge, regional and gender balance and effective contribution and participation by experts from developing countries; (f) Engaging the scientific community and other knowledge holders with the work programme; (g) Assuring scientific and technical coordination among other bodies set up under the Panel and facilitating coordination between the Panel and related processes to build upon existing efforts. (h) Reporting to the Governing Body.	3. The following criteria could be taken into account in nominating and selecting members of the Committee: (a) Scientific, technical or policy expertise and knowledge regarding the sound management of chemicals and waste and the prevention of pollution; such expertise and knowledge can include knowledge from the natural and social sciences, as well as Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge; (b) Experience in communicating about and promoting science and incorporating it into policy development processes; (c) Demonstrated ability to work in international scientific and policy processes. Rule 24 1. The secretariat will invite members and observers of the [governing body of the] Panel to submit written nominations and accompanying curricula vitae of nominees for the Committee to the secretariat no less than four months before the scheduled election. Curricula vitae of all nominees are to be submitted to the secretariat and made available to members [of the Panel] on the website of the Panel, together with the names of persons nominated, as well as the identity of the nominating region or observer. 2. The governing body of the Panel can accept late nominations at its discretion. Rule 25 1. The members of the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee will be elected by the governing body of the Panel by consensus unless the governing body decides otherwise. 2. If the governing body of the Panel decides to elect members of the Committee by vote, the elections will be held during ordinary sessions of the governing body and in accordance with the rules of procedure. [2. Bis. The term of office of all the Committee members is 3 years with a possibility of re-election for one consecutive term. The term of office of each Committee member should start at the end of the session at which he or she is elected and end at the close of the session at which his or her successor is elected. 2. Ter. The chair or co-chairs of the Committee will be elected by the members of the Committee

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	and the Committee should rotate the position of the chair(s) among the range of its members at regular intervals.] Rule 26 1. A co-chair, if absent from a session or any part thereof, should designate another member of the Committee to act as co-chair. 2. A member of the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee acting as co-chair has the same powers and duties as the co-chair. Rule 27 1. If a co-chair resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, a new co-chair is to be elected by the members of the Committee at the session where it is known that the co-chair will be unable to complete the assigned term of office, to serve the remainder of the term of office of the departing co-chair. 2. [If a member of the Committee resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, that member will be replaced by an alternate nominated by the same region.] Rule 28 Efforts will be made to hold meetings of the Bureau and sessions of the Committee concurrently or in association, where appropriate, to allow maximum complementarity and coordination of work and cost savings. Rule 29 The co-chair of the Committee: (a) Declares the opening and closure of each session of the Committee; (b) Presides at sessions of the Committee; (c) Ensures the observance of the applicable rules of procedure in accordance with the foundational document; (d) Accords participants the right to speak in the sessions of the Committee.

Other subsidiary bodies	
Foundational Document	Draft Rules of Procedure
Foundational document: Paragraph 20 Other subsidiary bodies 20. The Governing Body may establish other subsidiary bodies under the Panel, in line with the rules of procedure.	Rules of procedure: Rule 30 (was parked at OEWG 3.1) Other Subsidiary bodies Rule 30⁶ 1. In addition to subsidiary bodies established in paragraphs [--] to [--] of the foundational document, including the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee, the governing body of the Panel may establish other subsidiary bodies to realize such objectives as may be agreed on during a session of the governing body. 2. The governing body of the Panel may determine the matters to be considered by, and establish the terms of reference of, any subsidiary body. 3. Where appropriate, sessions of subsidiary bodies will be held in conjunction with the sessions of the governing body of the Panel. The governing body may also decide that any such subsidiary bodies may meet in the period between ordinary sessions. 4. The governing body of the Panel will keep under review the composition and effectiveness of and the need for its subsidiary bodies, as part of the periodic review of the operation of the Panel.

2. Contact group 2: Other foundational elements and related rules of procedure, and draft decision to establish the panel

Foundational document
Name of the Panel
See placeholder for full name of panel in title of establishment draft decision: [Draft decision [--] of the intergovernmental meeting to establish the panel Establishment of the [insert full name of panel] From Draft rules of procedure: 2. Definitions. Rule 2 For the purposes of the rules of procedure: (j) “Panel” means the [insert full name of panel];
Preamble
Preamble [placeholder]
Scope, objective and functions
A. Scope, objective and functions of the panel 1. [The objective of the Panel is to strengthen the science-policy interface to contribute to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution for the protection of human health and the environment, with the following functions:] (a) Undertaking “horizon scanning” to identify issues of relevance to policymakers and, where possible, proposing evidence-based options to address them; (b) Conducting assessments of current issues and identifying potential evidence-based options to address, where possible, those issues, in particular those relevant to developing countries; (c) Providing up-to-date and relevant information, identifying key gaps in scientific research, encouraging and supporting communication between scientists and policymakers, explaining and disseminating findings for different audiences, and raising public awareness; (d) Facilitating information-sharing with countries, in particular developing countries seeking relevant scientific information; (e) Capacity-building Integrate capacity-building into all functions and the work of the panel to strengthen the science-policy interface. Such capacity-building activities should enhance individual capacities of scientists, policymakers and other relevant stakeholders and thereby institutional capacities, particularly in developing countries, guided by the capacity-building priorities, identified by governments and other stakeholders, related to the Panel’s functions and work, by encouraging access to different forms of knowledge, data, and best practices, and enabling the dissemination and encouraging the utilization of the deliverables of the Panel at international, (sub)regional and

national levels. In so doing the Panel will ensure effective, geographically [and gender] balanced [and gender-inclusive][and gender responsive] participation and avoid duplication of work.
Operating principles and approaches
B. Operating principles and approaches of the panel [2. In carrying out its work, the science-policy Panel will be guided by the following operating principles and approaches: (a) [Being scientifically independent, and]ensuring credibility and legitimacy including through peer review of its work. (a) <i>bis</i>. Ensuring impartiality and transparency. (a) <i>ter</i>¹ [Ensuring][Finding] consensus in its decision-making process on matters of substance. (b) Taking an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach that incorporates a broad range of relevant disciplines and sources, including appropriate sectoral expertise, and relevant forms of knowledge, including Indigenous knowledge. [(c) Recognizing the technical knowledge and experience of workers[, including informal workers], involved in the management of chemicals and waste, and promoting a safe and healthy work environment.] (d) Having geographical, regional, and gender balance and promoting inclusivity of participation, and considering linguistic diversity, in all relevant aspects of its work. (e) Integrating gender equality and equity in all relevant aspects of its work. [(f) Producing deliverables that are policy relevant without being policy prescriptive, and, scientifically robust, unbiased and accessible and if appropriate, [prevention focussed] [while also [highlighting] [addressing] [negative socioeconomic][relevant] aspects of policies].] (g) Avoiding overlap and duplication of work, and promoting coordination and cooperation, as appropriate, with relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant international instruments and intergovernmental bodies. (h) Having the flexibility to respond to members' needs, in particular needs of developing countries. (i) Incorporating the need to protect human health and the environment, with special attention to those that are vulnerable. [(j) Recognising the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, the right to science, and intergenerational equity and the importance of informed participation.] [(j) <i>ter</i> [Recognising [the implementation of] [that] the sound management of chemicals and waste and prevention of pollution contributes to [improving human well-being and prosperity of all][the full enjoyment of human rights for present and future generations].] [(k) Addressing [the prevention of] all forms of [existing and legacy] pollution[, including pollution] related to chemicals and waste and pollution released into the air, water [(including oceans)] and soil.] [(l) Integrating capacity-building into all relevant aspects of its work.]]
Secretariat
IV. Secretariat 21. The Panel will be supported by a Secretariat with the following functions: (a) Organizing meetings and providing support on organisational, communication, and administrative activities, and technical services, of the Panel, including the preparation of documents and reports to the [Plenary] [Governing Body] of the Panel;

¹ Has been assigned to the cluster for contact group 1

(b) Supporting members of the [Plenary][[Governing Body[of the Panel], Bureau, Interdisciplinary Expert Committee and other subsidiary bodies, to undertake their respective functions; (c) Facilitating communication among any other bodies that might be established by the Panel; (d) Facilitating communication amongst and with relevant key stakeholders of the Panel; (e) Disseminating the Panel's deliverables; (f) Supporting in outreach activities and in the production of relevant communication materials; (g) Preparing the Panel's draft budget for submission to [Plenary][Governing Body], and preparing financial reports; (h) Managing the Trust Fund, as guided by the [Plenary]/[Governing Body]; (i) Mobilizing financial resources, including identifying donors; (j) Assisting in the facilitation of monitoring and evaluation of the Panel's work; (k) In consultation with the Bureau, proposing potential strategic partnerships to the [Plenary][Governing Body]; (l) Under direction of the [Plenary]/[Governing Body], supporting the implementation of any strategic partnerships; (m) Carrying out any other functions assigned to it by the [Plenary]/[Governing Body].
22. [The Panel, at its first Plenary session, will secure secretariat services . [provided by UNEP] from one or more Intergovernmental Organizations, based on solicited proposals to host the Secretariat. The Secretariat will be hosted in a single location. based on proposals by Member States]
Financial arrangements
V. Financial Arrangements 23. [[A Trust Fund [is][will be] established by [Plenary][the Governing Body of the Panel to: (a) be allocated by [Plenary] [the Governing Body] in an open and transparent manner; (b) collect voluntary contributions to support the work of the Panel; (c) be governed by financial rules and procedures adopted by the [Plenary][the Governing Body of the Panel]. 24. [[the trust fund is open to voluntary contributions from all sources, including governments, UN bodies, other IGOs and stakeholders such as the private sector and foundations] (d) will come without conditionalities; (e) will not orient the work of the Panel; (f) cannot be earmarked for specific activities.] 24. Alt [[Voluntary] Contributions to the Trust Fund are [welcomed][invited] from Governments,[using the UN voluntary indicative scale of assessments as a guideline, and are welcomed][as well as] from United Nations bodies, [the Global Environment Facility], other intergovernmental organizations [, international financial institutions and development banks] and stakeholders such as the private sector and foundations, on the understanding that such funding [the amount of contributions from private sources must not exceed the amount of contributions from public sources in any biennium]: (a) will come without conditionalities; (b) will not orient the work of the Panel; (c) cannot be earmarked for specific activities.] 25. [Exceptions to paragraph 24cf may be provided to allow] additional contributions [may be provided] for specific activities [in line with the agreed prioritization and] [if] approved by the

- [Plenary] [the Governing Body by consensus] [, preceded by a due diligence process by the secretariat and approved by the bureau].]
25. Bis [in kind contributions from governments, Regional Economic Integration Organizations, the scientific community, other knowledge holders and stakeholders will come without conditionalities, nor orient the work or influence prioritization of the Panel and will be consistent with the functions, operational principals or institutional arrangements of the Panel]
26. The [Plenary] [the Governing Body of the Panel] regularly reviews Panel expenditures and budget proposals, and adopts budgets [for the Panel].
27. [The Bureau regularly reviews budget information prepared by the Secretariat.]
28. The Secretariat prepares the Panel’s draft budget for submission to [Plenary] [the Governing Body of the Panel], managing the financial arrangements and preparing any necessary financial reports.
- 28 *Alt.* [The Secretariat prepares the Panel’s draft budget for submission to the Plenary, manages the approved budget and prepares the financial reports for the bureau and the Plenary]]

Strategic partnerships

VI. Strategic Partnerships

29. [The Governing Body may decide to pursue formal strategic partnerships with relevant multilateral environmental agreements, other international instruments and intergovernmental bodies, and other relevant stakeholders, in line with procedures and processes set out in relevant documents.]
30. The [Governing Body of the Panel][Panel][Plenary] [may decide to][shall] pursue formal strategic partnerships with United Nations entities, multilateral agreements[, regional entities, funding agencies] and other [selected][relevant] stakeholders that are active and qualified in the topics covered by the Panel. [Formal strategic partnerships [support][can be a means of] [promoting synergies [and avoiding overlap] towards] [achieving the operating principle[s] [of the Panel] [that includes] “avoiding overlap and duplication of work, and promoting coordination and cooperation”] [while delivering on any of the Panel’s functions].]
31. The [Secretariat][or the bureau] [subsidiary bodies under the Panel]may propose [the need for the establishment] [for consideration [and approval] of the Plenary the establishment of] [possible][specific] strategic partnerships, [with different sectors, ensuring the absence of conflict of interest] including their contribution to the work of the Panel.
- 31 *Alt.* [the [Panel][Governing Body] may mandate the Secretariat to engage potential strategic partnerships as it relates to their contribution to the identified work programme]
32. The Secretariat shall regularly [inform the Bureau] and [the Governing Body of the Panel][the Plenary] about the [formal][formation of] strategic partnerships and their contribution. Strategic partnerships are subject to periodic review.
33. [In order to encourage and facilitate formal strategic partnerships,] [the Governing Body of the Panel][Plenary] may decide to mandate [to any of [the bodies of the Panel][its sub organizations such as bureau, secretariat, and subsidiary bodies]] [to the secretariat] the development, and periodic updating, of:
- (a) guidance for entities wishing to apply to enter in a formal strategic partnership with the Panel, and

(b) guidelines for formalizing partnerships that [the Governing Body][the Plenary] agrees to pursue, including, as appropriate, through the preparation of memoranda of understanding [, joint project documents or work programmes]or contracts [Partnerships shall be established in line with UN and UNEP partnership policies and procurement rules]. (b) <i>bis</i> [a review process for the assessment of the effectiveness of strategic partnerships] 34. [[Considerations in formalizing strategic partnerships may include] [The Panel may consider the following in formalizing strategic partnerships]: (a) the function(s) the formal strategic partnership will support; (b) alignment with the Panel’s scope, objective, and operating principles; (c) complementarity with the Panel’s work programme; (c) <i>bis</i> [opportunity to perform work programme activities more effectively, efficiently, economically and ethically] (c) <i>ter</i> [experience and capacity of the potential strategic partner in fields relevant to the Panel and its willingness to collaborate in delivering the work programme] (c) <i>quater</i> [achievement of a more appropriate regional or thematic balance in the delivery of the work programme] (d) opportunities for synergies [and for avoiding overlap][, as appropriate]].]
Evaluation of the operational effectiveness and impact of the Panel
D. Evaluation of the operational effectiveness and impact of the Panel 35. The Panel’s efficiency, effectiveness and impact [shall] [will] be independently [and externally] reviewed and evaluated on a periodic basis as decided by the [Plenary][Governing Body of the Panel][, with adjustments to be made as necessary].
Draft decision to establish the panel
<i>[option to consider Preamble [placeholder] here]</i> [Draft decision [--] of the intergovernmental meeting to establish the panel Establishment of the [insert full name of panel] <i>The intergovernmental meeting,</i> <i>[Recognizing</i> the importance of science-based assessments to inform decision-making processes, <i>Reaffirming</i> that the sound management of chemicals and waste and the prevention of pollution are crucial for the protection of [the environment and] human health [and the environment], <i>Bis</i> <i>[Recognizing</i> that air pollution is the single greatest environmental risk to human health, with a disproportionate impact on women, children and the elderly,] <i>Acknowledging</i> that improving the availability of scientific information and assessments can address capacity challenges, enable more effective and efficient action to minimize or prevent the adverse effects of the unsound management of chemicals and waste, and prevent pollution in order to improve human well-being and contribute to the prosperity of all, <i>Convinced</i> that a science-policy panel could support countries in their efforts to take action, including to implement multilateral environmental agreements [and other relevant international

instruments]; promote the sound management of chemicals and waste and address pollution by providing policy-relevant scientific advice on issues; and further support relevant multilateral agreements, other international instruments and intergovernmental bodies, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders in their work,]

Alt [Recalling resolution 5/8 from the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme on a Science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution],

Expressing appreciation for the work of the ad hoc open-ended working group convened to prepare proposals on the science-policy panel, as well as for the outcome of that work, comprising proposals for the science-policy panel as transmitted by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to the intergovernmental meeting considering the establishment of a science-policy panel,

Having been convened in [city] by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme further to United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/8 of 2 March 2022, by which the Environment Assembly decided that a science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, with details to be further specified according to the provisions of that resolution,

1. *Decides* to establish the [insert full name of panel], as specified in the foundational document set out in annex I to the present decision;

2. *Confirms* that the [insert full name of panel] is an independent intergovernmental body with a programme of work approved by its [members] [Governing Body] to deliver policy-relevant scientific evidence without being policy prescriptive;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Assembly[, the World Health Assembly] and governing bodies of relevant multilateral [environmental] agreements and other [relevant] international instruments and intergovernmental bodies to consider the present decision, as appropriate.

3. Contact group 3: Other draft rules of procedure, draft decision to forward the draft rules, procedures and policies to the governing body of the panel, and draft decision on arrangements for the interim period

Draft Rules of Procedure
Rule 1 (Scope)
Rule 1 The following rules of procedure apply to all sessions of the governing body of the [insert full name of panel] (hereafter “the Panel”) convened in accordance with a decision of the governing body and in compliance with the rules of procedure.
Rule 2 (b) - (e), (k) (Definitions)
Rule 2 b) “Bureau member” and “member of the Bureau” mean any person who holds one of the offices in the Bureau; c) “Chair” means the Chair of the governing body of the Panel; d) “Co-Chair” means a co-chair of a subsidiary body of the Panel, including any co-chair of the Interdisciplinary Expert Committee; e) “Foundational document” means the text establishing the Panel, adopted in [insert location] on [insert date]; k) “Secretariat” means the entity established under paragraphs [--] to [--] of the foundational document to perform functions that include providing administrative, technical and other support services to the Panel;
Rules 3 – 4 (Venues, dates and notification of sessions)
Rule 3 The venue and dates of each [ordinary] session are to be decided on by the governing body of the Panel at the preceding session. [If this is not possible, they should be decided on by the Bureau [, subject to paragraph [5] of the present rules].] Rule 4 1. Ordinary sessions of the governing body of the Panel will be held once every year [unless otherwise decided by the governing body]. 2. Extraordinary sessions of the governing body of the Panel are to be held pursuant to a decision taken by the governing body at an ordinary session, or at the request of a majority of its members. In the event that the secretariat receives a request from a member for an extraordinary session, it will immediately inform all members of the request, as well as of the approximate costs and relevant administrative considerations including the budgetary implications for the approved budget. If a majority of the members of the Panel explicitly agree with the request within 21 days of the secretariat’s communication, the secretariat will convene an extraordinary session not more than 90 days after the request has been approved. 3. The secretariat will notify all members and observers of the dates and venue of any session at least [eight][twelve] weeks before the session is due to begin.

Rules 9 – 11 (Agenda)

Rule 9

1. The secretariat will, in consultation with the Chair and under the guidance of the Bureau, prepare a provisional agenda for each session in accordance with the guidance of the governing body of the Panel. Any member may request the secretariat to include specific items on the provisional agenda.
2. After consultation with the Chair and under the guidance of the Bureau, the secretariat will distribute the provisional agenda to members and observers, along with other official documents to be considered at the session, in [United Nations][the] official languages of the Panel, at least six weeks before the session is due to begin.
3. Between the date of distribution of the provisional agenda and the adoption of the agenda by the governing body of the Panel, members may propose supplementary items for inclusion on the agenda, provided they are of an important and urgent nature. The secretariat will, after consultation with the Chair and under the guidance of the Bureau, include such items on a revised provisional agenda.

Rule 10

1. At the beginning of each session, members that are present will adopt the agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda and any supplementary items proposed in accordance with rule [--].
2. The governing body of the Panel may add, delete, [defer] or amend items when adopting the agenda. Only items considered by the governing body to be urgent and important may be added to the agenda.
2. bis. [Any item of the agenda of an ordinary session, consideration of which has not been completed at the session shall be included automatically in the provisional agenda of the next session unless otherwise decided by the governing body.]

Rule 11

The provisional agenda for an extraordinary session of the governing body of the Panel will consist only of the items proposed for consideration in the request to convene the extraordinary session. It will be distributed to the members at the same time as the notification of the extraordinary session.

Rule 12 (Representation, credentials and accreditation)

Rule 12

1. Each member participating in a session will be represented by a delegation consisting of a head of delegation and such other accredited representatives, alternate representatives and advisers as it may require.
 2. The credentials of representatives of members and the names of alternate representatives and advisers [should][need to] be submitted to the secretariat before the first meeting that the representatives are to attend, and [if possible] no later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. Information regarding any later change in the composition of a delegation, along with any necessary credentials, [should][need to] be submitted to the secretariat.
 3. The credentials of the representatives of any member are to be signed by, or on behalf of, [an appropriate government authority] of the member and will be regarded as appropriate credentials for the participation of the individuals named therein in all activities of the session.
 4. The Bureau will examine the credentials and submit a report thereon to the governing body of the Panel.
 5. Representatives of members are entitled to participate provisionally in sessions of the governing body of the Panel pending a decision by the governing body regarding acceptance of their credentials. Representatives do not have the right to participate in decision-making until their credentials have been accepted.
- [5. bis. Participation of members by using proxy procedure is not allowed]

Rules 31 – 34 (Conduct of business) (had a first reading only at OEWG 3.1)

Rule 31

1. [Sessions of the governing body of the Panel and its subsidiary bodies will be held in public unless the body concerned decides otherwise.]
2. [Meetings of the Bureau will be held in private unless the Bureau decides otherwise.]
3. Sessions of the governing body of the Panel and its subsidiary bodies and meetings of the Bureau [may][will] be held in person [or by electronic means as necessary].

Rule 32

1. The Chair may not declare a meeting of any session open or permit discussion to proceed unless at least one third of the members of the [governing body of the] Panel participating in the session are present.
2. The presence of a [two-thirds] majority of the members [of the Panel] participating in the session is needed for any decision to be taken.

Rule 33

1. No one may speak at a session of the governing body of the Panel without the permission of the Chair. Subject to rule [--], the Chair will call on speakers in the order in which they signal their desire to speak. The secretariat will maintain a list of speakers. The Chair may call a speaker to order if the speaker's remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.
2. The governing body of the Panel may, on a proposal from the Chair or from any member, limit the time allowed to each speaker and the number of times each representative may speak on any question. With respect to a proposal from a member, before a decision is taken, two representatives may speak in favour of and two against a proposal to set such limits. When the debate is limited and a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the Chair will call the speaker to order without delay.
3. During the course of a debate, the Chair may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the governing body of the Panel, declare the list closed. The Chair may, however, accord the right of reply to any member if a speech delivered after the Chair has declared the list closed makes this desirable.

Rule 34

The co-chairs or rapporteur of a subsidiary body may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by that subsidiary body.

Rules 46 – 48 (Languages) (had a first reading only at OEWG 3.1)

Rule 46

1. The official languages of the sessions of the governing body of the Panel[, of the Bureau, and all subsidiary bodies] are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.
[The official language of all meetings of subsidiary bodies and the Bureau is English.]

[1. *Alt.* Interpretation into all official United Nations languages shall be provided for all sessions of the governing body of the Panel, of its Bureau and its subsidiary bodies.]

Rule 47

1. Statements made in an official language of the session will be interpreted into the other official languages.
2. A member may speak in a language other than an official language if the member provides for interpretation into one of the official languages.

Rule 48

Official documents of the sessions will be drafted in [one of the official languages][English], and will be translated into and made available in the other official languages

Rule 50 (in the event of conflict between FD and RoPs) (*had a first reading only at OEWG 3.1*)

[Placeholder for title]

[Rule 50]

[In the event of any conflict between any provision of the present rules and any provision of the foundational document, the foundational document shall prevail.]]

**Draft decision on recommendations for consideration
by the governing body of the panel at its first session**

[Draft decision [--] of the intergovernmental meeting to establish the panel

**Recommendations for consideration by the governing body of the [insert full name of panel]
at its first session**

The intergovernmental meeting,

Having established the [insert full name of panel],

Expressing appreciation for the work of the ad hoc open-ended working group convened to prepare proposals on the science-policy panel, as well as the outcome of that work, comprising proposals for the science-policy panel as transmitted by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to the intergovernmental meeting considering the establishment of a science-policy panel,

1. *Takes note* of the outcomes of the work of the open-ended working group at its third session, consisting of the draft rules, procedures[,] [and] policies [and guidelines] for the [panel], as set out in annexes 1 to 4 to the present decision;

2. *Invites* the governing body of the [panel] to convene its first session [preferably] [within six months] upon completion of this intergovernmental meeting for the purpose of starting the work of the [panel];

3. *Recommends* to the governing body of the [panel] the above-mentioned draft rules, procedures[,] [and] policies [and guidelines], for consideration and possible adoption at its first session.

Annexes to draft decision [--]

1. Draft rules of procedure;
2. Draft process for determining the work programme, including prioritization;
3. Draft procedures for the preparation and clearance of the panel deliverables;
4. Draft conflict-of-interest policy;

Draft decision on arrangements for the interim period

Draft decision [--] of the intergovernmental meeting to establish the panel

Arrangements for the interim period

The intergovernmental meeting,

Having established the [insert full name of panel],

Welcoming the proposals prepared by 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,

Recognizing that the arrangements for the secretariat of the Panel are to be decided by the governing body at its first session,

Acknowledging the necessity of preparatory activities for the operation of the Panel, notably the preparation of the first session of the governing body of the Panel,

1. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to provide the interim secretariat supporting the operation of the [insert full name of panel] and to prepare relevant documentation for consideration at the first session of the governing body;

2. *Invites* Governments and others in a position to do so to provide voluntary financial contributions to the United Nations Environment Programme to support the interim arrangements, and requests the United Nations Environment Programme to continue receiving financial contributions that are provided for the operation of the Panel until a trust fund for the Panel is established;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, subject to the availability of resources, to convene the first session of the governing body of the Panel at the earliest practicable date, and no later than one year from the date of the establishment of the Panel, at a date and venue to be determined by the Executive Director.