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To: SPP OEWG Secretariat

Object: Written Comments on the *OEWG 3.2 Documents of the Resumed 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 to be held in Punta del Este from 15 to 18 June 2025 and associated meetings*

INTEV welcomes,

the historic **resolution 5/8**, of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session in 2022 (UNEA-5.2) deciding that a science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.

INTEV also welcomes,

the same **resolution 5/8** where the Environment Assembly decided to convene an ad hoc open-ended working group (OEWG) to prepare proposals for the science-policy panel, including its scope, objective, functions and operating principles, institutional arrangements, rules of procedure, and relationships with key stakeholders.

INTEV recognizes,

the need for the establishment of an international institution such as science-policy panel, capable to contribute strongly for the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution in developing countries such as in Sub-Sahara African countries where there is a total absence of any institution working on this triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste. And even in case that such institution exists, its work is usually hampered by the lack of resources and poor governance.

INTEV appreciates the documents:

- UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/6 **(1)** Foundational document and related draft decision for consideration by the intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel;
- UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/7 **(2)** 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; and

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

The comments regarding these documents above are as follows:

- (1)** *(a) Emphasize in the Preamble of the section II of this document that this science-policy panel is very important for countries with poor management of chemicals and waste such as developing countries*
(b) INTEV appreciates that Developing countries were highly emphasized in the Preamble of Annex I of the draft decision in section A (b), (d) and (e), and B (h).
- (2)** *No comments on this document*
- (3)** *No comments on this document*

Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours!

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