



Statement of the World Health Organization

Your excellencies, distinguished delegates, colleagues,

The World Health Organization congratulates you on this important step, establishing the Intergovernmental Science Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution.

As we stated at the opening of the resumed third session of the OEWG, health must be central to global solutions.

We urge the Panel to have the Objective to strengthen the science-policy interface to contribute to the sound management of chemicals and waste and pollution prevention for the protection of human health and the environment, without being policy prescriptive.

We hope for a panel that is inclusive, interdisciplinary, and aligned with the wider UN system, with health integration essential to protect people and the planet. We stand ready to discuss further how best to support the panel in meeting its objectives subject to the wishes of the panel at its future meetings.

Thank you.