

Agenda item 3(g) - National focal points

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The African Group welcomes document UNEP/GFC/OEWG.1/7 and commends the Secretariat for the development of the draft guidelines for national focal points. We see this as a key step toward strengthening national coordination and implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals.

We support the consultative process that informed the draft, and appreciate the inclusion of African voices. We underscore the need for focal points to be officially designated through interministerial consultation, and to be well-placed within institutions that allow for cross-sector collaboration.

Madam Chair,

We emphasize that capacity building must be regular and sustained, particularly for focal points in developing countries. We urge that the roadmap provide clear, practical guidance for implementation, tailored to national contexts.

The African Group remains committed to contributing to the finalization of the guidelines and calls for continued support to ensure that no country is left behind in delivering the GFC vision.

Thank you.