

Madam Chair,

First of all allow me to congratulate you on your election. Rest assured of our delegation's support to you and our full cooperation with other colleagues to achieve a successful Governing Council.

ON CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT – INCLUDING MERCURY

Any discussion on chemicals management will also relate closely to the critical subject of waste management, in particular, the handling of hazardous waste.

To avoid any duplication of work or wasteful spending, Indonesia is of the view that any new UNEP initiative or project should not just be produced from scratch. Indonesia believes it would be far more constructive to ensure that the draft decision on chemicals management, including mercury, takes into account the previous work carried out by both UNEP and other international organizations.

In addition, Indonesia believes that the issue of lead and cadmium should bear in mind the relevance of the Basel Convention, in particular the technical guidelines which have already been produced by the Convention.

ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

Madam Chair,

If memory serves me correctly, there have already been two consultative meetings on this matter. **Indonesia would therefore like to see the outcomes of these two prior sessions reflected in a decision on waste management.**

The limited supply of resources also increases the need to ensure there is no overlap between the work of many institutions.

As mentioned by our colleague from Switzerland, Indonesia and Switzerland have launched a country lead initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention. All CLI documents are posted on the Basel website and we welcome any inputs from all parties, non-parties and other stakeholders.

ON ENHANCING COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITHIN THE CHEMICALS and WASTES CLUSTER

In line with our intent to increase synergies in the chemicals cluster, we would like to remind delegations of the outcome from the first special extraordinary COP of the Basel-Rotterdam-Stockholm Conventions where a new Joint Head position is to be installed.

My delegation would like to seek clarification from the UNEP Secretariat regarding the developments on this matter.

ON E-WASTE PROBLEMS

Madam Chair,

E-waste has become an international problem which affects both developed and developing countries.

Therefore a review and assessment of the current guidelines, legislation, and other legal instruments to address the urgent issue of e-waste, has become a matter of necessity for all countries, not just developing ones.

We will engage actively in the upcoming contact group on chemicals where we will provide our concrete proposals.

Thank you Chair