

Thank you, Mr Chair, for giving me the floor.

Our organization has been working for many years on the international chemicals and waste agenda. We consider that multistakeholder nature of the negotiations process has a key importance for the success of the process.

However, when it comes to the option of having a multi-stakeholders forum during or back-to back with the next INC, we would not support this idea, as from our perspective it takes the energy and capacity away of the actual negotiations. Instead of organizing another MSF we would suggest supporting otherways of exchanging stakeholder views, such as regional and national preparation meetings opened for all stakeholders.

Also, we think that to increase the level of multi-stakeholder involvement into the process it would be valuable to open regional meetings to allstakeholders from the region so to create a space for discussions.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.