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- The UK sees the value in considering the need for a scientific subsidiary body that provides evidence for progressing action under the treaty and believe this should include social scientists and economists. When considering the activities and composition of this mechanism the UK believes it will be important to bear in mind the following points:
  - we should be mindful of the parallel negotiations that are ongoing on a Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste to prevent pollution, making sure that these are complementary and not duplicative
  - we should take account of country and regional differences in the provision of this knowledge and include region-specific expertise
  - we should ensure that traditional and indigenous knowledge is also included

- The UK also believes it is important that the Academic community is able to contribute meaningfully to the INC process itself and welcome a closer engagement with the academic community throughout these negotiations