Statement on intersessional work – European Union and its Member States

The EU and its 27 Member States thank you Chair, for your proposal on intersessional work. We believe it is a balanced proposal and we can support it.

We find the participation of stakeholders important and support the participation of a limited number of observers, as suggested by Uganda and others. Additionally, we would find it very useful to have specific technical experts invited to the meeting to share information with the experts. We believe this will be beneficial for the discussions at the meeting.

We believe it would be useful for the expert meeting to have an input document at its disposal prepared by the Secretariat, on issues related to chemicals of concern, problematic and avoidable products, and product design, including criteria for these, as well as examples of chemicals and products that would fulfil these criteria.

On means of implementation, we support the US in looking beyond the financial mechanism and the need to also reference other sources of financing needed to achieve the objectives of the instrument, namely aligning financial flows, catalyzing finance, and enhancing resource transparency.

We could also support intersessional work on the issues raised by Peru and Rwanda.

Finally, there needs to be a clear understanding of how the results of the intersessional work will be taken up for consideration by INC-5.

I thank you, Chair.