

Statement of I.R. Iran on:
The impact of chemicals, waste and pollution on human health

Thank you, Madam/Mr. Chairperson,

We express our gratitude to the Director-General for preparing this valuable document. According to WHO's estimate in 2016, approximately 24% of all fatalities were linked to modifiable environmental factors, including chemicals, waste, and pollution.

In recent years, our country has taken effective steps by developing a national chemical safety profile, utilizing artificial intelligence in the safe management of chemicals, analyzing and managing chemical incidents in industries across Iran, naturalizing the WHO roadmap on safe chemical management programs, and integrating hazardous medical waste management with WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) program in healthcare facilities. International cooperation in the mentioned fields especially in the exchange of technical knowledge and access to modern technologies plays a key role in achieving health and environmental protection goals.

We believe that implementing health and environmental programs requires the participation of all countries in the decision-making process and equitable access to resources and opportunities. The Islamic Republic of Iran, while emphasizing the necessity of implementing the global SAICM strategy and its commitment to its provisions and the strategies for managing hazardous waste in healthcare centers, declares its readiness for more active cooperation with regional countries and beyond. We also support strengthening the role of the WHO in monitoring the health impacts of chemicals.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that human health and environmental sustainability are two interconnected pillars that must always be considered together in both national and international policymaking.

Thank you.