

## **Sound management of chemicals: INTERVENTIONS**

Namibia aligns itself with the statements made by Tanzania on behalf of G77/China and Botswana on behalf of African Group.

Namibia is a signatory to the Stockholm Convention, the Basel, the Rotterdam and Montreal Protocols.

Namibia will continue to improve its legal framework for the proper management of toxic chemicals.

**Madam chair,**

**Poor waste management practices cause a row of adverse effects to our environment: NAMIBIA and in general Africa and much of the developing countries face serious challenges. These include, limited facilities, financial, human and technical capacities.**

**The mixing of medical waste with general domestic waste poses risks regarding the public health.**

**Medical waste is the waste category within hazardous waste that is often overlooked.**

**NAMIBIA sees the following elements are important in the good management of chemicals. This includes: Awareness→Legislation→Training/Competence/Institutional strengthening→Funding provisions.**

**The distinguished representative of Uganda raised an important point with regard to the use of insecticide, DDT for malaria control. The important point is sound management of chemicals so that they do not become a threat to human health and saving lives. More than a million lives, mostly pregnant women and children are lost every year due to malaria. This reality cannot and should not be ignored.**

**I THANK MADAM CHAIRS.**