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The World Needs a New Global Science Panel for Chemical Pollution

Hello,

Chemicals bring so many benefits to our lives and we cannot live without them.

On the other hand, with rapid global growth in chemicals use over the past decades, chemical pollution is taking a terrible toll on human health and the environment in many parts of the world. It is an urgent issue that needs addressing at a global level. That is why I am writing to you to ask for your support.

At the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), we have discovered over the past few years, the massive gap that exists in terms of the provision of coordinated global science advice into global policy activities on chemical pollution. The background is included in an [RSC policy position on the need for a science-policy interface](#), which can be found on the RSC policy and perspectives website on sustainable chemicals policy.

The United Nations (UN) have recognised the issue within their [Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management](#) (UN SAICM www.saicm.org) but no action has yet resulted.

At the Royal Society of Chemistry, we are campaigning to influence the United Nations, to act now and agree to establish a new science-policy interface for chemical pollution, an intergovernmental platform for chemicals and waste management, that is as authoritative as the advisory panels for climate change (IPCC) and biodiversity loss (IPBES). We have written the accompanying declaration and aim to share this at a key influencing session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) in February 2022.

We ask you to join us, to amplify the voice of the multistakeholder scientific community in support of this declaration, by providing your support at an organisational level and to ask you whether we can add your organisation's logo to the declaration statement to show your agreement and support. This declaration will also appear on the RSC website.

Please could you communicate your support directly by email before the 15th of February 2022 to the RSC Policy and Evidence Team at policy@rsc.org together with a .jpg file of your organisation's logo. In providing your logo to us, you will be confirming that we can use it for this purpose.

Thank you in advance for your support on this unique opportunity.

Yours Sincerely,



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