

Thank you mister president.

As an original Co-sponsor of the CRP introduced by Thailand, CIEL would like to support the previous interventions by Thailand and IPEN. SAICM has been critical in allowing a global discussion to take place on nanomaterial and to coordinate the relevant activities of all SAICM stakeholders. A lot of work has been put into developing consensus resolutions and in identifying activities to be implemented for the safe and responsible development and use of nanomaterials in previous meetings and during intercessional periods. Among the activities recommended by all SAICM stakeholders was the recommendation to develop global legal and technical guidance and training materials for the sound management of nanomaterials. A relatively large body of work on the safety of nanomaterials and on the legal management of nanomaterials is being developed by various stakeholders (including IGOs -we heard from OECD for example- member countries, and CSOs). We believe that a compilation of these initiatives to be presented at ICCM4 would be extremely helpful in kick-starting the implementation of the resolution previously adopted by consensus, and in finally starting the development of global legal and technical guidance for the safe development and use of nanomaterials.

On the question raised by the US about justification for such a resolution, please allow me, as an original Co-sponsor of the CRP, to provide some elements of answers: As we heard, there is still a lot of work to do to deliver on the activities identified in the previous resolutions and GPA. This Resolution at ICCM4 would be useful to extend the work already agreed to, as well as for renewing the mandate for IOMC organizations to engage in this work.