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Ref: SAICM/fundraising

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Subject: Invitation to support the implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and its secretariat

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), a unique global policy framework to guide efforts to achieve the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation goal, adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002, that by 2020 chemicals are used and produced in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment.

SAICM, adopted in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, in February 2006, marked its 10th anniversary at the fourth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM4) in Geneva, from the 28 September to 2 October 2015.

ICCM4 amongst other things set the course for SAICM implementation to 2020 by adopting the overall orientation and guidance for achieving the 2020 goal, which proposes concrete interventions, promotes implementation of existing legal instruments and addresses emerging policy issues. ICCM4 also decided to initiate an intersessional process to prepare recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 before the fifth session of the Conference and requested the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to contract an independent evaluation of SAICM.

As recognized in the Overarching Policy Strategy, the extent to which progress towards reaching the 2020 goal can be achieved depends, in part, on the availability of financial resources provided by donors and other stakeholders. This is particularly true for the secretariat, for which the indicative budget for staff costs and core activities depends almost exclusively on extra-budgetary contributions.

The Conference, noting with urgency the limited time remaining in which to achieve the 2020 goal, called on stakeholders in a position to do so to contribute financial and other resources to enable the secretariat to perform its mandated functions as set out in paragraph 28 of the Overarching Policy Strategy and in resolutions of the Conference.

To: SAICM Focal Points

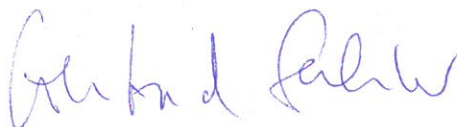
cc: Permanent Missions to the UN in Geneva and Permanent Representative (Nairobi or alternate)

I therefore kindly invite your Government or organization to contribute towards the implementation of the Strategic Approach as we increase implementation efforts for the next four years towards ensuring sound chemicals management by 2020. Contributions to the work of the SAICM secretariat in order to meet its core budget for 2016 and beyond would also be welcome.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank donors for the contributions made towards the implementation of the Strategic Approach since inception.

For further information on funding needs and modalities please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat at SAICM.chemicals@unep.org.

Yours sincerely,



Gertrud Sahler
President

Bureau of the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session.