



**Twenty-third meeting of the Bureau of the
International Conference on Chemicals Management for its fifth session**
Tuesday, 4 October 2022, from 14:00 – 16:30

Draft decision 4: Adjournment and resumption of the Fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

The International Conference on Chemicals Management,

Recognizing Decision 1 on Adoption of Procedural Decisions on Organizational, Administrative and Budgetary Matters during the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic adopted on 30 November 2020 via a silent procedure when the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) is not in session, and *recognizing also* General Assembly Decision 74/544 of 27 March 2020 titled “Procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic”,

Recognizing the advances made during the first session of the Fourth Meeting of the Intersessional Process and the need to continue the work to finalize the recommendations for the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management,

Reaffirming the importance of the comprehensive and effective participation by developing countries, noting that there is no provision for an indicative scale of contributions to the core budget of SAICM,

Recalling Paragraph 5 of resolution IV/4 on the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 where it decides that meetings of the intersessional process should, as far as possible, be held back-to-back with other relevant meetings and processes,

Also recalling Paragraph 7 of resolution IV/4 on the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 where it decides that the intersessional process should be open to all stakeholders and the number of participants eligible for funding is defined, in order to support balanced regional and sectoral participation,

Acknowledging the decision by the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 held from 29 August to 2 September 2022 in Bucharest, Romania to adjourn the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 and to resume the meeting in early 2023 at a date and location to be determined by the Bureau in consultation with participants in order to conclude the consideration of its agenda,

Welcoming with appreciation the voluntary contributions from donors in support of the work of the Strategic Approach and in particular the use of those resources for capacity building in support of developing countries,

Recalling the Programme of Work and budget for SAICM Secretariat for the period 2021–2023 adopted by Decision 3 on 7 December 2021 via a silence procedure,

1. *Decides* to convene the second session (IP4.2) of the fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 in [venue to be confirmed] from 27 February 2023 to 3 March 2023, to further prepare the Fifth Session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management;
2. *Decides* that the intersessional process should continue to be open to all stakeholders and requests the secretariat to support, subject to the availability of resources, an increased number of eligible participants for funding;
3. *Decides* to adopt a revised indicative budget for SAICM Secretariat for the period 2021–2023 as set out in Annex A, Table 1, to be taken note of by the fifth session of the International Conference of Chemicals Management;
4. *Confirms* that the use of the additional amount of the budget will depend on the availability of the required resources and that UN Financial Regulations require all expenditure to be covered from resources actually received;
5. *Encourages* stakeholders to make further voluntary contributions to support the work of the Strategic Approach.

Annex A

Table 1
2021-2023 Indicative Budget

Table 2
Pledges and contributions to the Strategic Approach secretariat 2019 - 2022 (as of 31 July 2022) in USD

Table 3
2021 – 31 July 2022 expenditures

[to be included]