Dear SAICM Secretariat and VWG Co-facilitators:

On behalf of Canada, we look forward to participating in the Virtual Working Group (VWG) on Financial Considerations under the guidance of co-facilitators Jonah Davis Ormond and Reggie Hernaus. We would like to take this opportunity to share a few initial thoughts on the integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and waste and capacity building.

Canada continues our strong support for the integrated approach to financing. We would also support exploring further concrete approaches to enhance implementation of each of the three components:

- **We are strongly supportive of mainstreaming** chemicals and waste management across all relevant sectors, to enhance capacity for implementation of sound management of chemicals and waste at the national level.
  - It may be useful to further develop best practices on mainstreaming based on the experiences of countries. It may also be useful to consider how mainstreaming could better incorporate and leverage the multi-sectoral nature of chemicals and waste management as a way to possibly assist in mobilizing funding in all sectors.

- **Enhanced industry involvement** will be critical to achieving sound management of chemicals and wastes beyond-2020. Canada encourages the co-facilitators and Secretariat to reach out to private sector stakeholders to encourage them to share their views on how they would further support implementation of the sound management of chemicals and waste.

- **Canada believes that dedicated external financing** for the chemicals and waste agenda should focus on building on the many existing mechanisms already in place.
  - The GEF and UNEP Special Programme are the two existing mechanisms providing direct support to SAICM. In addition, the sound management of international chemicals and waste is supported by the existing financial mechanisms and other vehicles under legally-binding multilateral environmental agreements, including: the GEF, Montreal Protocol Multilateral Fund, Minamata Specific Programme, and Trust Funds to support the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata Conventions and Montreal Protocol.
  - We are open to exploring ways to increase multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral access to funding through the UNEP Special Programme.
  - The ICCM could consider communicating its priorities for funding to the GEF for consideration as part of the GEF-8 replenishment process, covering 2022-2026.

- **Within the integrated approach to financing**, we would be interested in exploring resource mobilization strategies to raise funds from other sources such as development banks and private foundations.

- **There may also be opportunities for the chemicals and waste agenda to further develop synergies with rising global efforts to develop circular economies, tackle climate change, halt biodiversity loss, and build a green recovery to COVID-19, contributing its important role and attracting commensurate resources.**

Canada is open to considering a clearinghouse mechanism that is low-cost, builds on existing compilations of such information, would help with identifying and sharing information on available resources, from all sources, on
financing and capacity building, along with guidance and best practices for accessing these resources to support implementation of the beyond 2020 framework.

Canada emphasizes the importance of integrating a multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approach to capacity building to maximize collective efforts, in line with the WHO’s comments on the capacity building principles included in SAICM IP.4/5.

In closing, we look forward to discussions under the VWG and may have additional written comments following the first meeting of the VWG on November 18, 2020.

Best regards,

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Subject: REMINDER: Welcome - VWG on Financial considerations

Dear SAICM stakeholders,

We wish to thank you once again for your registration to the Virtual Working Group (VWG) on Financial considerations.

This is a kind reminder to submit your electronic feedback by Friday, 13 November 2020 for the first session on the topics related to the Integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and waste and capacity building.

To do so, please find attached a set of guiding questions to provide electronic feedback. You can submit your inputs to the questions directly on the word document and then send it back to us with your name and the name of your organisation. Kindly send your responses to the SAICM Secretariat at saicm.chemicals@un.org, with a copy to eduardo.calderapetit@un.org by Friday, 13 November 2020.

The schedule for the work of the VWG on financial considerations is the following:

Integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and waste and capacity building

- 22 October to 13 November 2020: electronic feedback through responses to a set of guiding questions
- 18 November 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 (CET): virtual meeting to review proposals and identify possibilities for compromise, or alternative text. Register here.

Strategic partnerships, financing the secretariat, resource mobilization, and cost-recovery mechanisms and other economic instruments

- 20 November to 11 December 2020: electronic feedback through responses to a set of guiding questions
- 16 December 2020 from 14:00 to 16:00 (CET): virtual meeting to review proposals and identify possibilities for compromise, or alternative text

Summary of consolidated inputs and proposals

- 13 January 2021 from 14:00 to 16:00 (CET): virtual meeting to review the summary of consolidated inputs and proposals on all topics discussed.
Warm regards,

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