

Action by the Governing Body of International Labour Organization at its 297th session, held in Geneva, Switzerland from 2-17 November 2006

Extract from the Minutes of the Governing Body Session (GB 297/PV)

“260. The Governing Body:

(i) approved the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management; and

(ii) endorsed the follow-up action proposed in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Office report.¹” (see below)

Extract from the Report of the Director-General: Second supplementary report: Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (GB.297/19/2)

“8. As a follow-up to the Strategic Approach, the ILO has to support the implementation efforts on those activities of the Strategic Approach of most relevance to the ILO, in consultation with our constituents (Governments, Employers and Workers) at country, regional and international levels. The Conference encouraged the governing bodies of relevant intergovernmental organizations to endorse or otherwise appropriately acknowledge the Strategic Approach with a view to incorporating its objectives into their programmes of work within their mandates and to report thereon to the International Conference on Chemicals Management.

“9. The presence of the ILO in the Trust Fund Implementation Committee will allow due weight to be given to ILO considerations in funding decisions associated with the Quick Start Programme. Colleagues in the field have already been briefed on this, and have been asked to work with constituents and SafeWork in developing projects that can be submitted to the SAICM secretariat for funding under the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund. This is an opportunity, in view of the importance given to ILO chemicals-related Conventions and the GHS in the SAICM outcomes, to seek additional funding from the Trust Fund to ensure that the current promotional (for the Conventions) and capacity building (for the GHS, under the ILO/UNITAR GHS Capacity Building Programme) activities could be continued and even expanded.”

¹ Add text of para 8 & 9 (GB.297/19/2).