

# Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

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## Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

*The UNITAR Board of Trustees,*

*Recalling* paragraph 23 of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation<sup>1</sup> adopted by the World Summit on Sustainable Development on 4 September 2002, and paragraph 56 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 16 December 2005, in which the development of a strategic approach to chemicals management was endorsed by heads of State and Government,

*Welcoming* the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), consisting of the Dubai Declaration on International Chemicals Management, the Overarching Policy Strategy and the Global Plan of Action, as adopted by the International Conference on Chemicals Management in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 6 February 2006,

*Also welcoming* the spirit of cooperation within the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) and its collaboration with UNDP, the World Bank and IFCS in co-ordinating the development of SAICM,

*Appreciating* SAICM's recognition of UNITAR's capacity building programmes and methodologies for chemicals and waste management capacity building, including, but not limited to, programme areas addressing National Profile preparation, Priority Setting, development of Integrated National Programmes for Chemicals and Waste Management, implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), Persistent Organic Pollutants, and development of national Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs),

1. *Endorses* the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management as contained in the Dubai Declaration on International Chemicals Management, the Overarching Policy Strategy and the Global Plan of Action;

2. *Supports* the participation of UNITAR in the Implementation Committee for the SAICM Quick Start Programme;

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<sup>1</sup> *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publications, Sales no. E.03.II.A1) chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

3. *Welcomes* the initiative of UNITAR to collaborate with IOMC Participating Organizations, UNDP, the World Bank, OPCW and other partners to support pilot projects on governance, civil society participation and strengthening partnerships for chemicals and waste management and SAICM implementation, as well as the generous support of the Government of Switzerland to support these pilot projects;

4. *Invites* Governments, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, including the private sector, to provide voluntary extra-budgetary resources in support of capacity building activities and services provided by UNITAR to Governments and stakeholders in the context of the SAICM Quick Start Programme and SAICM implementation in general;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the next session of the BOT on UNITAR activities and programmes to implement SAICM.

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