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Draft Latin American and Caribbean regional directory of intergovernmental and other organizations at the global and regional levels of relevance to the implementation of SAICM in the Latin American and Caribbean region and a list SAICM of national and other focal points from the region.

Note by the secretariat

1. The secretariat has prepared a draft regional directory of intergovernmental and other organizations at the global and regional levels of relevance to the implementation of SAICM in the Latin American and Caribbean region, including regional technical assistance centers and regional offices of intergovernmental organizations. The directory also includes, for ease of reference, the names of SAICM focal points from Latin America and the Caribbean.
2. The secretariat has the honour to circulate in the annex to the present note the draft directory for the information of participants in the Latin American and Caribbean regional meeting on SAICM. The annex is presented without formal editing.

Annex**Draft directory of intergovernmental and other organizations at the global and regional levels of relevance to the implementation of SAICM in the Latin American and Caribbean****Table of Contents**

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SAICM FOCAL POINTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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To sustain an integrated approach to managing chemicals, each Government should establish arrangements for implementing the Strategic Approach on an inter-ministerial or inter-institutional basis so that all concerned national departmental and stakeholder interests are represented and all relevant substantive areas are addressed. To facilitate communication, nationally and internationally, each Government should designate a Strategic Approach national focal point to act as an effective conduit for communication on Strategic Approach matters, including invitations to participate in meetings and information dissemination to other national stakeholders.

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