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Dear Mr. Gubb,

The OECD Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and the Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology has discussed at its 40th Meeting in November 2006 the follow-up to be given to SAICM in the OECD context. I would like to inform you of the outcomes of the discussions.

The Joint Meeting expressed its support for the SAICM objectives and a statement to that extent is being considered by the Heads of Delegations to the Joint Meeting and will be put on the OECD website in early 2007. The Joint Meeting also asked the Secretariat to investigate possibilities for an expression of high level support.

The Joint Meeting considered that the work that is currently undertaken in the Chemicals Programme fully supports SAICM implementation. The Joint Meeting requested the Secretariat to develop a document which would indicate how various elements of the Overarching Policy Strategy and the Global Plan of Action are covered by the OECD work. The Joint Meeting also requested that the Work Programme for the next period, which will start in 2009, be structured in a way which makes the connections between the OECD work and SAICM better visible.

The Joint Meeting agreed that SAICM implementation in countries and through the OECD should be a regular item on its agenda.

With this letter I inform you formally that the OECD is contributing through its work to the implementation of the SAICM Quick Start Programme, as overseen by the Executive Board. I also confirm that I am the SAICM Focal Point for OECD.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Visser', written over a horizontal line.

Rob Visser