

2005 World Summit: High-Level Plenary Meeting of the 60th session of the United Nations General Assembly

From 14 to 16 September 2005, more than 150 Heads of State and Government gathered in New York during the 2005 World Summit to follow-up to the outcomes of the Millennium Summit.

The High Level Plenary Meeting endorsed the 2005 World Summit Outcome (A/60/L1), which was adopted by the 60th General Assembly, without vote, on 16 September 2005 (A/60/RES/1).

The following extract has been taken from the 2005 World Summit Outcome for its direct relevance to the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)*.

2005 World Summit Outcome

II. Development

56. In pursuance of our commitment to achieve sustainable development, we further resolve:
 - (k) To promote the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, aiming to achieve that by 2020 chemicals are used and produced in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment using transparent and science-based risk assessment and risk management procedures, by adopting and implementing a voluntary strategic approach to international management of chemicals, and to support developing countries in strengthening their capacity for the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes by providing technical and financial assistance, as appropriate;

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