

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

I hope this message finds you well and safe.

I refer to the call for submissions on essential elements for a possible ICCM5 High-Level Declaration (HLD). In this regard, I take this opportunity to present Brazil's initial contributions to the identification of key messages that could be conveyed in such an important document based on the content of the previous Dubai Declaration.

As a first suggestion, we think it would be important to recall the relevant role played by the sound management of chemicals in the achievement of sustainable development in its three dimensions, environmental, social and economic. The 2030 Agenda gave a more concrete face to sustainable development, including in the chemical domains, with SDG 12, focusing on consumption and production patterns.

Furthermore, we need to strengthen international cooperation, particularly financial support, capacity building and technology transfer to developing countries to face increasing challenges in the promotion of the sound management of chemicals in a context of greater global production, trade and use of chemicals. To this end, further action is required towards the full implementation of the integrated approach to financing, composed of three equally important components (mainstreaming, industry involvement and dedicated external financing), which shall be considered in an interdependent way.

Based on the main findings of the Global Chemicals Outlook II, (<https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/k1900123.pdf#overlay-context=pre-session-unea-4>), we believe that the international community still needs to improve the implementation of the third component of the integrated approach, inasmuch as "External funding (e.g. through the Global Environment Facility, or the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening) has been significant, but has not matched the need and demand for support, expressed by developing countries and economies in transition for building basic chemicals and waste management systems ." (*Summary for Policymakers, page 13*).

Finally, considering the multiple impacts of the current pandemic worldwide, especially over developing countries, we think it would be important to call for a renewed commitment to chemical safety internationally. Resources to address the sanitary emergency shall be new and additional, and shall not prejudice financial flows necessary for supporting the sound management of chemicals worldwide.

We hope those inputs can contribute to the initial work of the virtual informal group. Should you need any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I thank you in advance for your attention and kind cooperation.

Best regards,

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