
International Conference on Chemicals Management

Fourth session

Geneva, 28 September–2 October 2015

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the session

1. The fourth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management will be opened at 3 p.m. on Monday, 28 September 2015, at the Geneva International Conference Centre in Geneva.
2. Opening statements will be made by the President of the Conference and a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers

(i) Bureau of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management

3. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the president and four vice-presidents elected by the Conference at its third session shall serve as the Bureau of the Conference until the closure of its fourth session.¹
4. Furthermore, in accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 14 of the rules of procedure, a new president and four vice-presidents, one of whom will act as rapporteur, shall be elected by and from among the representatives of the governmental participants to serve as the Bureau until the closure of the fifth session of the Conference., Paragraph 3 of rule 14 provides that, in electing the officers, governmental participants shall have due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation. Therefore, each of the five regions of the United Nations shall be represented by one officer in the Bureau.
5. Accordingly, the Conference is invited to proceed with the election of Bureau members for the fifth session of the Conference whose term shall commence at the closure of the fourth session.

(ii) Quick Start Programme Executive Board

6. In accordance with paragraph 1(a) of rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Quick Start Programme Executive Board, two national Government representatives from each of the

¹ At its third session, the Conference elected Mr. Ali Daud Mohamed (Kenya) as President of the Conference, and the following four vice-presidents: Mr. Nassereddin Heidari (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mr. Sergey Trepelkov (Russian Federation), Mr. Marcus Richards (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) and Ms. Gabi Eigenmann (Switzerland). Mr. Ali Daud Mohamed (Kenya) was replaced by Mr. Richard Lesiyampe (Kenya). Mr. Sergey Trepelkov (Russian Federation) was replaced by Mr. Vladimir Lenev (Russian Federation). Mr. Nassereddin Heidari (Islamic Republic of Iran) was replaced by Mr. Heidar Ali Balouji (Islamic Republic of Iran).

United Nations regions shall be appointed by the Conference and shall serve on the Executive Board until the following session of Conference.

7. Accordingly, the Conference is invited to proceed with the appointment of two national Government representatives from each of the United Nations regions to the Executive Board.

(iii) Regional focal points and sectoral representatives

8. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the President shall invite four representatives of non-governmental participants and one representative of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals to participate in the discussions during the meetings of the Bureau for the purpose of providing advice and responses to the Bureau, as appropriate. One representative of each of the health, industry, trade union and public interest groups of non-governmental participants shall be elected at the end of each session of the Conference, remaining in that capacity until the end of the next session. The Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals shall be represented by the Chair of the Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee.

9. Accordingly, the health, industry, trade union and public interest groups of non-governmental participants are invited to each nominate one representative, whose term shall commence at the closure of the fourth session, to participate in the discussions during the meetings of the Bureau.

10. In accordance with resolution II/2, regional focal points are encouraged to continue to play a facilitative role within their regions, including undertaking activities as determined within each region, such as chairing regional meetings, disseminating information of interest to focal points within their region, collecting views from Strategic Approach national focal points on matters of interest to the region, and assisting in the flow of information and views from the region to its Bureau member, as appropriate.

11. Accordingly, the regions are invited to nominate regional focal points, whose term shall commence at the closure of the fourth session, to support Strategic Approach activities.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

12. The Conference may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (SAICM/ICCM.4/1).

(c) Organization of work

13. The fourth session of the Conference will be opened at 3 p.m. on Monday, 28 September 2015. The Conference may wish to meet in plenary on Monday, 28 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Conference may also wish to meet in plenary from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. from Tuesday, 29 September, to Friday, 2 October. No evening plenary meetings are planned. The Conference may wish to establish small in-session groups to address certain agenda items, as it deems necessary, and to specify their mandates.

14. The high-level segment of the Conference will be held on Thursday, 1 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Friday, 2 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will consist of two keynote speeches in plenary, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on 1 October, followed by three simultaneous high-level panel dialogues from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, 1 October. A concluding high-level panel discussion will be held in plenary on 2 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will incorporate the outcomes of the dialogues of the previous day.

Item 3

Representation, credentials and accreditation

15. Regarding government participation, as stipulated in rule 10 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives of government participants and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the secretariat, if possible no later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation must also be submitted to the secretariat. For government participants, credentials shall be issued either by a head of State or Government or by a minister for foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. In accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau will examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference.

16. In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, intergovernmental and non-governmental participants shall be duly accredited.

17. With regard to intergovernmental participants, as stipulated in paragraph 2 of rule 13 of the rules of procedure, the name of any such intergovernmental participant seeking accreditation must be submitted to the secretariat, if possible no later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. At the same time, a responsible representative of such participant must submit to the secretariat the names of those who represent it at the Conference. Any later change in that list of names must also be submitted to the secretariat.

18. Regarding non-governmental participants, as stipulated in paragraph 3 of rule 13 of the rules of procedure, the name of any such non-governmental participant seeking accreditation must be submitted to the secretariat, if possible no later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. At the same time, a responsible official of such participant must include a statement describing the activities, expertise and responsibilities of the participant and how they are consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, and must submit to the secretariat the names of those who represent it at the Conference. Any later change in that list of names must also be submitted to the secretariat. Upon the secretariat's verification of receipt of the above information, the participant will be admitted to the session unless one third or more of the governmental participants object.

19. If credentials are submitted in the form of a copy or by facsimile, original credentials must be submitted upon registration at the session. The early submission of credentials prior to the session will greatly facilitate the clearance process.

Item 4

Progress and challenges towards the achievement of the 2020 goal of sound chemicals management

20. Agenda item 4 includes three sub-items relating to the progress and gaps in the implementation of the Strategic Approach: regional and sectoral achievements, strengths and challenges in the context of working towards the objectives of the Strategic Approach Overarching Policy Strategy; the report of the Quick Start Programme; and the sound management of chemicals and waste in the context of the sustainable development goals.

(a) Regional and sectoral achievements, strengths and challenges in the context of working towards the objectives of the Strategic Approach Overarching Policy Strategy

21. The involvement of all relevant stakeholders and sectors, as well as transparent, inclusive and open implementation processes and public participation in regulatory and other decision-making processes that relate to chemical safety, are key to achieving the objectives of the Strategic Approach. Regional focal points and sectoral representatives will be called upon to deliver statements to the Conference summarizing achievements, strengths and specific challenges in the context of working towards achieving the 2020 goal with respect to the implementation of the Strategic Approach.

22. Furthermore, at its third session, the Conference agreed that the secretariat should develop a second progress report for the period 2011–2013 for consideration by the Conference at its fourth session.

23. A number of documents are available to the Conference setting out achievements, strengths and challenges in the context of working towards the objectives of the Strategic Approach Overarching Policy Strategy:

- (a) Summary report on progress in the implementation of the Strategic Approach for the period 2011–2013, prepared by the secretariat (see SAICM/ICCM.4/3);
- (b) Summary of regional progress towards the 2020 goal (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/1);²
- (c) Activities of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals to support implementation of the Strategic Approach (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/2);

² At the time of preparation of the present annotations to the agenda, not all documents for the fourth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management were available to the secretariat. As a result, the titles of those documents as presented in the present annotations may differ in some cases from the titles of the documents as circulated.

(d) Report by the World Health Organization (WHO) on the engagement of the health sector in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/3);

(e) Summary of the trade union workshop on the Strategic Approach held on 8 and 9 July 2015 (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/4);

(f) Cooperation and coordination between the secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the Strategic Approach (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/24);

(g) International Council of Chemical Associations fifth update report on Strategic Approach implementation (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/26).

24. Under the suggested action points developed by the secretariat at the request of the Bureau for agenda item 5 (a) (see SAICM/ICCM.4/6), and consistent with the overall orientation and guidance towards the achievement of the 2020 goal, the Conference may wish:

(a) To consider how the information provided by the regions and the sectoral representatives may be used to further enhance the implementation of the Strategic Approach towards the achievement of the 2020 goal;

(b) To welcome the work carried out by the secretariat on the report on progress in the implementation of the Strategic Approach for 2011–2013;

(c) To propose arrangements for the development of a third progress report, as well as approaches to increase timely reporting with the intention of increasing overall reporting in the future;

(d) To consider the further use of the current 20 indicators in assessing overall progress towards the 2020 goal, including their utility and possible linkages to the sustainable development goals, especially with regard to assessing non-quantitative aspects of progress.

(b) Report of the Quick Start Programme

25. The Quick Start Programme has contributed substantially to building and strengthening capacity in developing countries and countries with economies in transition by providing seed money for specific activities that were essential to support the identification of capacity needs and establish basic capacity for further implementation towards attaining the objectives of the Strategic Approach. The results of Quick Start Programme projects provide an opportunity to identify good practices and lessons learned and subsequently to share them and avoid duplication of effort, maximize the use of existing resources and share the knowledge that has been produced by different projects.

26. The Conference will have before it a summary report by the secretariat on the Quick Start Programme and its trust fund (see SAICM/ICCM.4/4) and a note on the evaluation of the impact of the Quick Start Programme (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/5).

27. The Conference may wish to welcome the project results of the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund, based on the summary report of the secretariat and the impact evaluation. In response to the needs identified in the overall orientation and guidance, the Conference may also wish to consider, under agenda item 5 (a), strategies and approaches for disseminating widely the lessons learned from the Quick Start Programme in order to further enhance Strategic Approach implementation and maximize overall investment.

(c) Sound management of chemicals and waste in the context of the sustainable development goals

28. The United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda will be held in New York from 25 to 27 September 2015. The sustainable development goals, to be considered at the summit, present an opportunity to ensure links between sustainable development and the sound management of chemicals by 2020 and beyond.

29. An update will be provided to the Conference on the conclusions of the summit. The Conference will have before it a report by the secretariat on the sound management of chemicals and waste in the context of the sustainable development goals (SAICM/ICCM.4/5) as well as a report on United Nations system-wide contribution to achieving the sound management of chemicals and waste (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/6).

30. The Conference may wish to welcome the adoption of the sustainable development goals. The Conference may also wish to consider, under agenda items 5 and 6, how the goals might provide new impetus to catalysing the implementation of sound chemicals management at the national, regional and global levels, and to establish priorities towards a comprehensive approach to sound chemicals

management as an essential condition for achieving sustainable development, including any possible linkages to the current 20 indicators in monitoring overall progress towards the 2020 goal of the Strategic Approach.

Item 5

Implementation towards the achievement of the Strategic Approach 2020 goal of sound chemicals management:

(a) Overall orientation and guidance on the 2020 goal

31. Following the high-level dialogue at its third session, the Conference agreed to request the secretariat to prepare overall orientation and guidance, based on the views aired during the discussion, on specific elements of efforts in order to achieve the 2020 goal. The aim of the overall orientation and guidance is to provide direction and identify approaches for all Strategic Approach stakeholders towards the achievement of the overall objective by 2020, including some concrete elements required at the national level.

32. The Conference will have before it a note by the secretariat on the overall orientation and guidance for achieving the 2020 goal of sound management of chemicals (SAICM/ICCM.4/6). The overall orientation and guidance has been developed by the secretariat with guidance from the Bureau on the basis of information provided through stakeholder consultation processes, regional meetings and the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the International Conference on Chemicals Management among other sources.

33. A number of other documents relevant to the discussion on the overall orientation and guidance on the 2020 goal are available to the Conference:

(a) Analysis by the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals of the Global Plan of Action and proposal for simple indicators of progress (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/7);

(b) Update from the Global Environment Facility (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/8);

(c) Progress report on the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the Minamata Convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/9);

(d) List of possible funding sources to support the sound management of chemicals (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/10);

(e) Priorities of the health sector towards achievement of the 2020 goal of sound chemicals management: results of WHO consultation (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/11);

(f) The integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and wastes: lessons learned on mainstreaming (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/12);

(g) The integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and wastes: industry involvement (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/13);

(h) Resolution 1/5 of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, on chemicals and wastes (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/22).

34. The Conference may wish to consider the overall orientation and guidance and adopt a resolution on the matter to support the operationalization of the overall orientation and guidance and the further enhancement of the implementation of the Strategic Approach towards the 2020 goal.

(b) Emerging policy issues and other issues of concern

35. One of the functions of the Conference, as set out in paragraph 24 (j) of the Overarching Policy Strategy, is to focus attention and call for appropriate action on emerging policy issues as they arise and to forge consensus on priorities for cooperative action. At its fourth session, the Conference will be requested to consider four aspects: a proposal on environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants as a new emerging policy issue; a proposal on highly hazardous pesticides as an issue of concern; progress in relation to each of the existing emerging policy issues; and progress in relation to other issues of concern, including perfluorinated chemicals.

(i) **Proposal on environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants as a new emerging policy issue**

36. In accordance with the procedure for considering emerging policy issues set out in the annex to resolution II/4, the Governments of Peru and Uruguay and the International Society of Doctors for the Environment nominated environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants as a new emerging policy issue for consideration by the Conference at its fourth session. At its second meeting, the Open-ended Working Group endorsed the proposal, with revisions, for consideration by the Conference at its fourth session.

37. The Conference will have before it a note by the secretariat on a summary of the nomination dossier (SAICM/ICCM.4/7) as well as a note by the secretariat entitled “nomination for a new emerging policy issue: environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants” (SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/15) as revised by the Open-ended Working Group at its second meeting based on the original submission by the proponents.

38. Other documents have been made available to the Conference by stakeholders supporting the discussion:

(a) Workshop documentation on pharmaceuticals in the environment - global occurrence, effects and options for action (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/23);

(b) Information submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/28).

39. In line with paragraph 24 (j) of the Overarching Policy Strategy, the Conference may wish to review the proposal on environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants, call for appropriate cooperative action and adopt environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants as a new emerging policy issue of the Strategic Approach through a resolution.

(ii) **Proposal on highly hazardous pesticides as an issue of concern**

40. At its second meeting, the Open-ended Working Group, in response to issues raised at Strategic Approach regional meetings, discussed the issue of highly hazardous pesticides and invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), UNEP and WHO to facilitate a multi-stakeholder process to develop a proposal for consideration by the Conference at its fourth session taking into account relevant information.

41. In response to the request from the Working Group, a draft proposal was developed by FAO, UNEP and WHO and circulated on 17 April 2015 for input from Strategic Approach stakeholders by 18 May 2015. The proposal was made available on the Strategic Approach website and sent to Strategic Approach focal points for input via e-mail. Subsequently, in response to stakeholder requests, the deadline for input was extended to 1 June 2015. Input was received from 20 stakeholders.

42. The Conference will have before it a final proposal by FAO, UNEP and WHO, integrating the feedback received by stakeholders, on the next steps for highly hazardous pesticides as an issue of concern (SAICM/ICCM.4/8). The proposal builds extensively on existing activities, tools, mechanisms and frameworks that contribute to the attainment of the Strategic Approach 2020 goal.

43. The Conference may wish to consider the proposal and adopt a resolution calling for cooperative action, as appropriate.

(iii) **Existing emerging policy issues**

44. In its resolutions II/4 and III/2, the Conference agreed to actions on five emerging policy issues, namely lead in paint, chemicals in products, hazardous substances within the life cycle of electrical and electronic products, nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials and endocrine-disrupting chemicals. Furthermore, the overall orientation and guidance towards the achievement of the 2020 goal establishes increased risk reduction and information sharing efforts on emerging policy issues as one of the six core activity areas towards the achievement of the 2020 goal by continuing to promote actions on issues not currently addressed in existing agreements, complementing initiatives taken by other bodies.

45. The Conference will have before it a note by the secretariat on progress on existing emerging policy issues and other issues of concern (SAICM/ICCM.4/9). The Conference will also have before it the following meeting documents for consideration:

(a) Note by the secretariat on the chemicals in products programme proposal (see SAICM/ICCM.4/10);

(b) Note by the secretariat on guidance for stakeholders on exchanging chemicals in products information (see SAICM/ICCM.4/11);

(c) Note by the secretariat on elements for a draft resolution on nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials submitted by the Open-ended Working Group for consideration by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fourth session (SAICM/ICCM.4/12).

46. In addition, the Conference will have before it information documents pertaining to each emerging policy issue, including proposed workplans prepared by the lead organizations:

(a) Emerging policy issue update on lead in paint, prepared by UNEP and WHO (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/14);

(b) Emerging policy issue update on chemicals in products, prepared by UNEP (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/16); The business case for knowing chemicals in products and supply chains, submitted by the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/17);

(c) Emerging policy issue update on hazardous substances within the life cycle of electrical and electronic products, prepared by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/18);

(d) Emerging policy issue update on nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials, prepared by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/19);

(e) Emerging policy issue update on endocrine-disrupting chemicals, prepared by OECD, UNEP and WHO (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/20);

(f) Status of the phasing out of lead paint by countries: 2015 global report (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/25);

(g) Compilation of international best practice resources on hazardous substances within the lifecycle of electrical and electronic products (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/27).

47. The Conference may wish to welcome progress made on each emerging policy issue, consider the proposed workplans for continued cooperative action and propose any specific follow-up actions in the resolution expected to be developed as part of the work under agenda item 5 (a) related to the overall orientation and guidance.

48. With respect to chemicals in products as well as nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials, the Conference may wish to adopt respective resolutions in order to advance new activities in these areas.

(iv) Other issues of concern: perfluorinated chemicals

49. In its resolutions II/5 and III/3, the Conference agreed to cooperative actions on managing perfluorinated chemicals and the transition to safer alternatives.

50. The Conference will have before it a note by the secretariat on progress on existing emerging policy issues and other issues of concern (SAICM/ICCM.4/9) as well as an update on managing perfluorinated chemicals and the transition to safer alternatives, prepared by OECD and UNEP (see SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/21).

51. The Conference may wish to welcome progress made on managing perfluorinated chemicals and the transition to safer alternatives, consider the proposed workplan for continued cooperative action and adopt a resolution, as appropriate, proposing specific follow-up actions related to the overall orientation and guidance document.

Item 6

Sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

52. The continued relevance of the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 has been widely recognized, including by the United Nations Environment Assembly in its resolution 1/5 on chemicals and waste.

53. At its second meeting, the Open-ended Working Group emphasized that the sound management of chemicals and waste was an essential and integral cross-cutting element of sustainable development and was of great relevance to the sustainable development agenda. The Working Group also highlighted the contribution that the Strategic Approach has made and continues to make to the

sound management of chemicals and waste, including its contribution to the implementation of the sustainable development agenda, and expressed its readiness and willingness to make available its multisectoral and multi-stakeholder platform to that end, as appropriate.

54. The Conference will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat on the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (SAICM/ICCM.4/13). The Conference will also have before it an information document (SAICM/ICCM.4/INF/22) reproducing in its annex resolution 1/5 of the United Nations Environment Assembly, on chemicals and waste, as well as the outcome document of the country-led consultative process on enhancing cooperation and coordination within the chemicals and waste cluster, entitled “Strengthening the sound management of chemicals and wastes in the long term”, which was welcomed by the Environment Assembly in paragraph 2 of resolution 1/5.

55. The Conference may wish to consider the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 and adopt a resolution, as appropriate, proposing a relevant intersessional process on addressing the issue and follow-up actions for consideration by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session.

Item 7

Activities of the secretariat and budget

(a) Proposed budget of the secretariat

56. In its resolution III/5, the Conference requested the secretariat to prepare a budget for the period 2016–2018 for consideration by the Conference at its fourth session.

57. The Conference will have before it a report by the secretariat on activities of the secretariat for the period January 2012 to June 2015 and draft indicative budget for the period 2016–2018 (SAICM/ICCM.4/14). As the fourth session of the Conference is currently the last decision-making meeting scheduled before 2020, the secretariat, upon the request of the Bureau, has also included a draft indicative budget for the period 2019–2020. The proposed budget includes consideration of the needs identified in the overall orientation and guidance towards the achievement of the 2020 goal.

58. The Conference may wish to consider the information provided in the report and to adopt a resolution, as appropriate, approving the proposed programme of work and indicative budget.

(b) Quick Start Programme Trust Fund

59. In its resolution III/1, the Conference recognized the successes to date of the Quick Start Programme, including its Trust Fund, in providing support to developing countries and countries with economies in transition in facilitating the achievement of the 2020 goal of the World Summit on Sustainable Development. The Conference agreed to extend the term for contributions to the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund until its fourth session. It also decided that funds committed to projects before the closure of the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund could be disbursed until all approved projects in the Programme’s portfolio were completed.

60. The Conference will have before it the summary report by the secretariat on the Quick Start Programme (see SAICM/ICCM.4/4), providing information on the Trust Fund.

61. The Conference may wish to consider recommendations for the full and final closure of the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund, taking into account that the Executive Director of UNEP should be informed at least six months in advance of the closure.

Item 8

Venue and date of the fifth session of the Conference

62. Paragraph 25 of the Overarching Policy Strategy provides for the fifth session of the Conference to be held in 2020, unless otherwise decided by the Conference. The Overarching Policy Strategy calls for sessions of the Conference, where appropriate, to be held back to back with meetings of the governing bodies of relevant intergovernmental organizations in order to enhance synergies and cost-effectiveness and to promote the multisectoral nature of the Strategic Approach.

63. The Conference may wish to invite offers to host the fifth session of the Conference and to request the Bureau to agree on the venue and date of its fifth session following the conclusion of the fourth session.

Item 9

Other matters

64. The Conference may wish to consider other matters raised during the session.

Item 10

Adoption of the report

65. The Conference may wish to consider and adopt the report on its work at its fourth session.

Item 11

Closure of the session

66. It is expected that the session will be closed by 6 p.m. on Friday, 2 October 2015.
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