
International Conference on Chemicals Management

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Item 5 (b) (iii) d. of the provisional agenda*

**Implementation towards the achievement of the 2020 goal
of sound chemicals management: emerging policy issues
and other issues of concern: existing emerging policy
issues: nanotechnologies and manufactured
nanomaterials**

**Elements for a draft resolution on nanotechnologies and
manufactured nanomaterials for consideration by the
International Conference on Chemicals Management at its
fourth session**

Note by the secretariat

1. The secretariat has the honour to submit, for the consideration of the International Conference on Chemicals Management, elements for a draft resolution on nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials as agreed by the Open-ended Working Group at its second meeting, held in Geneva from 15 to 17 December 2014 (see annex). The elements as agreed are presented as submitted, without formal editing.
2. The Conference may wish to welcome progress made on nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials and propose any specific follow-up actions under the draft resolution expected to be developed under agenda item 5 (a) related to the overall orientation and guidance.
3. The Conference may also wish to adopt a draft resolution on nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials in line with the elements set out in the annex to the present note with the intention of advancing new activities in that area.

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Annex

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The Conference

Reaffirms its resolutions II/4 E and III/2 E on nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials;

Calls for continued implementation of these resolutions, giving special emphasis to:

- Facilitating the exchange of information on nanotechnologies and the sound management of manufactured nanomaterials [for example through an appropriate clearing house mechanism];
- Developing international technical and regulatory guidance and training materials for the sound management of manufactured nanomaterials, based on the compilation of pertinent information [prepared by the SAICM secretariat];
- Welcoming the work of the United Nations subcommittee on GHS in assessing the applicability of GHS criteria for the classification of a number of nanomaterials and encouraging it to continue its efforts;

Further:

Invites all stakeholders to continue raising awareness and enhance capacity on the sound management of manufactured nanomaterials, paying particular attention to the situation and needs of developing countries and Countries with Economies in transition, for example through e-learning courses and regional consultation;

[*Recommends* increasing outreach and scaling up accessibility of information through different means];

Encourages Strategic Approach stakeholders to use the guidance for the Development of a National Nanotechnology Policy and Programme developed by UNITAR;

Requests continued engagement of all Strategic Approach stakeholders, including the relevant organizations of the IOMC in particular the UNITAR and OECD as well as WHO and ILO in the implementation of the relevant ICCM resolutions [and GPA activities];

Invites all Strategic Approach stakeholders, as appropriate, to provide resources for further work in this area;

Requests the secretariat in coordination with the relevant stakeholders to report on progress in the implementation of the resolutions to the next Session of the Conference.