

Statement by the BRS Secretariat during SAICM IP 4

Agenda item 3 (“Development of recommendations for consideration by the fifth session of the Conference regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020”)

Thank you, Madam Co-chair,

In line with the mandate provided by the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the BRS secretariat has engaged as a stakeholder with the intersessional process since its first meeting in 2017 and has provided input to the intersessional process.

Thus, following past practice, we have submitted an updated information document (SAICM/IP.4/INF.10) which provides an overview of the contributions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions towards the achievement of the 2020 goal on the sound management of chemicals and wastes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals as well as an overview of the recent developments under the three conventions including key decisions adopted by the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties such as the listing of new chemicals in the annexes to the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and the amendments to the Basel Convention’s annexes II, VIII, and IX on e-wastes making all transboundary movements of e-wastes, whether hazardous or not, subject to the prior informed consent procedure.

In addition I would like to mention that last year together with the Minamata Convention Secretariat, we prepared an exploratory study entitled “Interlinkages between the chemicals and waste multilateral environmental agreements and biodiversity”, and a report entitled “Chemicals, wastes and climate change: interlinkages and potential for coordinated action” which high-light the complex interlinkages between the four conventions and the triple planetary crisis of pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change.

Both documents are available at our websites.

Madam co-chair, we look forward to supporting this week’s deliberations with the aim of achieving a successful outcome by the end of the week.

Thank you.