



**Strategic Approach
to International
Chemicals Management**

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Fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (IP4)

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Nairobi, Kenya, 27 February – 3 March 2023, and
Bonn, Germany, 23 – 24 September 2023

**Draft Resolutions of the International Conference on Chemicals Management
at its fifth session**

Note by the secretariat

1. The annex to the present note contains the document entitled “Draft Resolutions of the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session”, developed by the secretariat under guidance of the intersessional process (IP) Co-Chairs.
2. At the resumed fourth meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 in Nairobi, Kenya, 27 February – 3 March 2023, the secretariat was requested, to prepare a limited number of recommended draft resolutions that are not part of the consolidated text, but that are directly relevant to the Beyond 2020 outcome and related actions, and proposals that need to be taken into account towards the implementation of the new instrument.
3. The document presents a compilation of recommended draft resolutions regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management. Due to the priority focus on the finalization of the consolidated text, these draft resolutions are transmitted directly for consideration at the fifth session of the International Conference and are not to be discussed at the resumed IP meeting.

* An edited version is planned to come later

[V/1. The High-Level Declaration and framework instrument

The Conference

Recalling its resolution IV/4, in which it decided to initiate an intersessional process to prepare recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (Strategic Approach) and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020,

Commending the intersessional process outcome on a global framework instrument for the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, building on the unique voluntary, inter-sectoral and multi-stakeholders' nature of the Strategic Approach, embedding a programmatic approach to the implementation of a new framework instrument and enhancing engagement with stakeholders of key economic and industry sectors that use chemicals,

Welcoming with great appreciation the outcomes of deliberations held by ministers, heads of delegation and representatives of civil society and the private sector assembled at the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session in Bonn from 25 to 29 September 2023,

Noting the Declaration signed by the ministers, heads of delegation and representatives of civil society and the private sector, that stresses the dire need to address the chemicals and waste pollution [emergency] [crisis], the urgency for global action in this regard, and their commitment to implement the global chemicals and waste framework instrument developed by the Conference,

1. *Adopts* the new global chemicals and waste framework instrument¹, hereinafter called the XXXX, attached to the current text as Annex YY;
2. *Adopts and endorses* the Declaration, attached as Annex YYYY, as an integral part of the XXXX;
3. *Urges* Governments, intergovernmental organizations and other organizations, stakeholders representing civil society and the private sector to comprehensively implement the XXXX as a framework instrument for national and international action and cooperation on chemicals and waste.

¹ Name to be inserted.

V/2. Vote of thanks

The *Conference*,

Having met in Bonn from 25 to 29 September 2023 at the gracious invitation of the Government of Germany,

Convinced that the efforts made by the Government of the Germany and by the authorities and city of Bonn in providing facilities, premises and other resources contributed significantly to the smooth and successful conduct of the proceedings,

Deeply appreciative of the courtesy and hospitality extended by the Government of Germany and the city of Bonn to the members of the delegations, observers and the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme attending the Conference,

1. *Expresses its sincere gratitude* to the Government of Germany and the city of Bonn and, through them, to the people of Germany, for the cordial welcome which they accorded to the Conference, particularly to those associated with its work and for their contribution to the success of the Conference;
2. *Expresses also* its gratitude to the Governments of Brazil, Sweden, Thailand, Romania and Kenya for hosting meetings under the intersessional process, as well as to all other donor governments, intergovernmental organization, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders who contributed with financial and in-kind support to the successful outcome of the intersessional process and the Conference;
3. *Voices appreciation* to the Co-Chairs and co-facilitators of the intersessional process and to all SAICM stakeholders that contributed to the work of the intersessional process leading to the development of recommendations for the XXXX framework instrument through common dedication and cooperation towards achieving our common aim of protecting human health and the environment;
4. *Appreciates* also the support of United Nations Environment Assembly and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to the Strategic Approach process and its activities.

V/3. Operational modalities and arrangements

The Conference

Having adopted the XXXX,

Noting that [further] operational modalities and other arrangements will be essential to transition to the full and effective implementation of the XXXX,

Considering that effective operational modalities and arrangements are best established through full coordination and consultation among all involved stakeholders,

1. *Establishes a Bonn ad hoc working group to develop recommended modalities and other arrangements that are required to make the XXXX fully operational and to submit these recommendations for further consideration by the Open-Ended Working Group in 2025 and approval at the next session of the Conference in 2026,*

1(bis) *Decides that the Bonn ad hoc working group will comprise of x experts appointed by the bureau by March 2024, giving due consideration to regional, sectoral and gender balance drawing on the names and biographies of y experts submitted by each region, and z expert[s] submitted by each of the health, labor, industry, and civil society sectors,*

2. *Requests the secretariat to develop an information paper on the scope of modalities and other arrangements required to fully implement the XXXX for consideration by the Bonn ad hoc working group,*

2(bis) *Further decides that, considering the information paper referred to in paragraph 2, the Bonn ad hoc working group is to,*

- a. *Develop, at its first meeting in MMY, terms of reference, a time and results-based plan of work, and efficient and effective working methods that may include the use of electronic media and other means, such as ad hoc task teams on clearly specified topics to draw on additional expertise, as appropriate,*
- b. *Consider the objectives, targets, and substantive implementation provisions of the XXXX that will need further recommended operational modalities and other arrangements for effective implementation,*
- c. *[Report progress with its work for consideration by the bureau,]*

[2(ter) *Requests the bureau to appoint a developing and a developed country government representative as Co-chairs of the Bonn ad hoc working group when finalizing appointments at its MMY meeting.]*

[Alt 2(ter) *Expresses gratitude to [Mr/Ms XXXX] of [Country AAA] and [Ms/Mr YYYY] of [Country BBBB] for accepting the role of Co-Chairs of the Bonn ad hoc working group.]*

V/4. Existing Emerging Policy Issues and Issues of Concern

The Conference,

Recognizing its resolutions II/4, III/2 and IV/2 on emerging policy issues and acknowledging with appreciation the cooperative actions undertaken by Strategic Approach stakeholders on the emerging policy issues and other issues of concern,

Further recognizing the efforts and progress achieved to date and, the contribution of the lead agencies of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and other stakeholders to the progress made in responding to the Conference resolutions on the existing emerging policy issues and issues of concern,

1. *Welcomes* the Assessment Report on Issues of Concern made by United Nations Environment Programme in response to United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 4/8.

V/5. Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

The Conference,

Recognizing the importance to the success of the XXXX of monitoring implementation, assessing effectiveness in achieving the objectives and targets, evaluating overall impact in achieving sound chemicals and waste management, and its contribution to protecting human health and the environment,

Appreciating the work undertaken on Chapter XI Taking stock of progress for the XXXX under the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 by stakeholders, particularly the [UK and the] Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals,

Noting the need expressed by stakeholders to further discuss and finalize the full operationalization of Chapter XI following the fifth meeting of the Conference,

1. *Welcomes* the offer by the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals to take a lead in this task together with interested stakeholders.

V/6. Implementation arrangements

The *Conference*,

Having adopted the XXXX,

Having incorporated implementation provisions within the text of the XXXX,

Highlighting the dedication of the participants at the Conference and other stakeholders to expeditiously implement the XXXX, to cooperate to achieve high standards for health and environmental protection, and *valuing* the diversity that each of them brings to the process,

Considering interlinkages with instruments and measures addressing the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution², that are also inextricably linked to the achievement of the broader social, economic, and environmental Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Recognizing the need for resources to ensure the successful implementation of XXXX at the national, sub-regional, regional, and global levels,

1. *Calls on* all stakeholders, including Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, regional economic integration organizations, representatives of civil society and the private sector, to take appropriate action to achieve the strategic objectives and targets set forth in the XXXX;
2. *Encourages*, in particular, the International Labour Organization and the World Health Organization to call on their constituencies to endorse the XXXX and to adopt and implement the relevant labour and health recommendations at the national, regional and international levels;
3. *Encourages* all stakeholders to consider, when implementing the XXXX, the important interlinkages with chemicals and waste-related aspects of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as with other instruments and measures to address other international development challenges, in particular in relation to poverty, health, food, energy, [water, sanitation,] climate change and biodiversity;
4. *Calls on* all stakeholders to foster the development of chemicals and waste management systems and capacities in all countries, and in key economic and industry sectors throughout the products value chains;
5. Urges all actors across the life-cycle of key economic and industry sectors including, food and agriculture, textiles, electronics and building and construction, to commit to the implementation of the XXXX and further invites the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals to play its facilitating and coordinating role to encourage the engagement of the economic and industry sectors;
6. *Encourages* non-governmental organizations and the private sector to support implementation of the XXXX at local, national, regional, and global levels, including through partnerships with Governments, intergovernmental organizations, regional economic integration organizations and other stakeholders;
7. *Calls on* Governments, the private sector, including industry, as well as foundations, other non-government organizations and other stakeholders, to mobilize financial and other resources, including identifying innovative approaches and outreach activities for the effective implementation of the XXXX;

² Secretary-General's remarks to Stockholm+50 international meeting, 2 June 2023

8. *Invites* the GEF and donors to the GEF trust fund to continue and enhance their support for chemicals and waste management, particularly for the implementation of the XXXX; and further invites the GEF to provide funding for building countries national capacities for chemicals management and also to provide additional resources for increased concerted action to chemicals management in the key economic sectors;
9. *Urges* international, regional and national financial institutions and their governing bodies, as well as the private sector and investors to also expressly integrate sound management of chemicals and waste activities within the scope of activities they fund, including for the implementation of the XXXX;
10. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to provide continued support for the XXXX, including in preparing for the next session of the Conference;
11. *Further invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue assuming overall administrative responsibility for the XXXX secretariat and to provide for continuity of effective secretariat services and administrative support for the implementation of Conference resolutions;
12. *Encourages* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to work closely with the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, and other relevant UN organizations and instruments/frameworks, as well as with the relevant multilateral agreements, to foster effective cooperation and collaboration in promoting and implementing the XXXX framework instrument;
13. *Requests* the secretariat to report on progress on the implementation of ongoing and new programmes, other activities, and initiatives related to the implementation of the XXXX framework instrument at the next session of the Conference.

V/7. International cooperation and coordination

The Conference,

Noting the Millennium Development Goals, the 2002 Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development³, the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development outcome document, “The future we want”, and the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development⁴ that have all addressed the chemicals and waste challenges that require comprehensive international cooperative action,

Recalling the United Nations General Assembly resolution 61/205⁵, which welcomed the endorsement of the Strategic Approach framework by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme at its ninth special session,

Noting the Ministerial Declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fifth session on “Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”⁶, addressing the triple crises for our common environment – climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution,

Noting further, in particular, the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme resolutions 4/8, 5/7 and 5/8⁷, the Global Biodiversity Framework and relevant chemicals and waste management decisions of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste and their Disposal; the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Minamata Convention on Mercury, and other relevant international agreements taken at their conferences of the parties⁸,

Noting also, the adoption of resolutions on implementation of Strategic Approach highlighting the urgent need for action across all relevant sectors, including by the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals participating organizations, as well as decisions on international cooperation and coordination of other international bodies and multilateral agreements,⁸

1. *Commends* the XXXX to the attention of the governing bodies of relevant intergovernmental organizations and multilateral agreements, and *invites* them to endorse or otherwise appropriately acknowledge and support the XXXX, with a view to consider, within their respective mandates, incorporating into their programmes of work mutually supportive activities that also contribute to the achievement of the XXXX objectives and targets, and to report thereon;
2. *Encourages* all relevant international bodies and organizations outlined in para 1 above, to continue promoting broad engagement of stakeholders and sectors in national and regional chemical and waste efforts, as well as the proactive coordination of their policies, work programmes, and activities;

2 (*bis*) *Calls on* non-governmental organizations and the private sector to cooperate and coordinate their actions and activities in multistakeholder partnerships;

³ Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, para. 23 (Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II. A.1 and corrigendum), chap I, resolution 2, annex).

⁴ General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 21 October 2015.

⁵ General Assembly resolution 61/205 of 28 February 2007.

⁶ United Nations Environment Assembly Ministerial Declaration 5/HLS.1 of 7 March 2022.

⁷ UNEA resolution 4/8 on the sound management of chemicals and waste, UNEA resolution 5/7 on Invigorating the sustainable management of chemicals and waste and combatting pollution in which the Environment Assembly and UNEA resolution 5/8 on Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution in which the Environment assembly decides that an independent intergovernmental science policy panel should be established

⁸ Reference of relevant resolutions to be completed.

3. *Stresses* the importance of the relationship with the ongoing Science Policy Panel process and *urges* all XXXX stakeholders to consider actively participating in and contributing to the development of the Science Policy Panel;
4. *Recommends* close cooperation with the Science Policy Panel which may serve to identify issues of relevance to policy makers for consideration by the international conference;
5. *Invites* the Special Programme fund, while adjusting to the new XXXX framework instrument's nature, scope, strategic objectives, and targets, to continue to assist countries in institutional strengthening to ensure uninterrupted building of sound management of chemicals and waste capabilities at the national level;
6. *Recommends* increased cooperation under the XXXX with other bodies on relevant issues such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework on mutually supportive targets on pollution and chemicals management;
7. *Invites the* General Assembly to consider the political importance of the XXXX to support mobilizing resources for its implementation, and to promote the anchoring of the XXXX within the programmes of the UN organizations.]

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