IPEN welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback and proposals on agenda item V.

IPEN’s preferred option is to automatically include the existing EPIs and other issues of concern in the relevant text proposed for the Issues of Concern in the beyond 2020 instrument, and not in a separate resolution. EPIs and other issues of concern resulted from the consensus agreement of more than 100 countries and SAICM stakeholders and should be treated in the same way as the initial 12 POPs of the Stockholm Convention, without a separate consideration or new assessment at ICCM.

**Agenda Item 5 – Existing EPIs & other issues of concern**

At ICCM5:

Agree to an omnibus resolution on the existing SAICM EPIs & other issues of concern that:

i. Recognizes the efforts, and progress, gaps and challenges put forward in the SAICM independent report;

ii. Welcomes the Assessment Report on Issues of Concern made by UNEP following resolution UNEA 4/8 and the UNEP report on the impact of EPI and the Relevance for the SDGs “Women, Chemicals and the SDGs”;

iii. States the commitment intention to continue working, determine and set the path forward on the existing SAICM EPIs and other issues of concern in the beyond 2020 instrument at its next session [ICCM6];

iv. Highlights any immediate and specific priority actions to ensure that efforts and momentum continue with the existing EPIs and other issues of concern, building on existing work plans where appropriate;

v. Requests the responsible IOMC organizations (or and ad-hoc subcommittee where there is no Lead IOMC organization), in consultation with stakeholders, to continue working on existing EPI and other issues of concern, and to propose a draft work plan.
with clear timelines and milestones to ICCM6, including: (a) an assessment on how they contribute to achieving the Strategic Objective(s) and Targets of the new instrument; and (b) proposing additional indicators as needed for relevant targets.

vi. **Agrees** From ICCM6 onwards, **Notes** that any existing EPIs and other issues of concern that continue under the new beyond 2020 instrument, **where they will** must be appropriately addressed follow procedures that are established for ‘issues of [international] concern’ under the beyond 2020 instrument.

**Commentaire [A2]:** The current EPIs have already been agreed to by more than 100 governments and should simply carry over to the new framework. Additional work to develop workplans etc can be done until ICCM6 to support the implementation but should not delay continued work.