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**Second meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach
and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020**

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Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The meeting will open at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 13 March 2018.
2. The meeting will be opened with high level participation from the Government of Sweden. Opening statements will also be made by the President of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management and a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
3. The meeting will be co-chaired by Ms. Leticia Reis de Carvalho (Brazil) and Mr. David Morin (Canada) who were appointed as co-chairs at the first meeting of the intersessional process in accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution IV/4.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the provisional agenda

4. Participants may wish to adopt the provisional agenda as set out in meeting document SAICM/IP.2/1.

(b) Organization of work

5. The work of the meeting will be conducted in plenary sessions and in discussions groups. It is proposed that two sessions of plenary will be held on Tuesday 13 March and on Thursday 15 March from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
6. It is further proposed that discussion groups will be organized on Wednesday 14 March to support the work of the plenary. The discussion groups will focus on agenda items 4(a) to 4(e). A short afternoon session of plenary starting at 5.30 p.m. will be held on Wednesday 14 March with the purpose of reporting back on the outcomes of the discussion groups. The composition of the discussion groups will be made available to meeting participants via the Strategic Approach website on Tuesday 13 March early evening.
7. The meeting will be conducted in English only.

Item 3

Preliminary results of the independent evaluation of the Strategic Approach 2006-2015

8. An independent evaluation of the Strategic Approach for 2006 to 2015 is being undertaken in accordance with the terms of reference set out in Conference resolution IV/4. ICCM4 directed the Open-ended

Working Group to consider the conclusions of the independent evaluation and any recommendations identified by the intersessional process for consideration by the Conference at its fifth session.

9. In line with paragraph 7 of the terms of reference annexed to Conference resolution IV/4, the report considers:
 - (a) Impact of the Strategic Approach;
 - (b) Strengths, weaknesses and gaps in implementing the Strategic Approach, taking into account the eleven basic elements identified in the overall orientation and guidance;
 - (c) Progress towards targets;
 - (d) Institutional arrangements within the voluntary multisectoral and multi-stakeholder approach of the Strategic Approach.

The draft report of the independent evaluation is available to the meeting as document SAICM/IP.2/4.

10. The independent evaluator will present the draft results of the independent evaluation report. Participants may wish to review the results of the draft independent evaluation report and to consider them in the related discussions.

Item 4

Consideration for beyond 2020

11. In support of discussions under this agenda item, the stakeholder input to the intersessional process, as received by the secretariat is available in document SAICM/IP.2/INF.3. Furthermore and in line with the first meeting of the intersessional process, the co-chairs have developed an overview paper, based on the stakeholder input that sets out a possible structure to addresses key issues to be considered on the way forward for the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020. The overview paper is available in document SAICM/IP.2/5.
12. In line with various requests made at the first intersessional meeting, a number of additional meeting documents are available to participants that are linked to this agenda item, including:
 - (a) Gender and the sound management of chemicals and waste (see SAICM/IP.2/6);
 - (b) IOMC plans for future actions to implement the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda (see SAICM/IP.2/7);
 - (c) Proposal on objectives in support of the 2030 Agenda and related milestones (see SAICM/IP.2/8);
 - (d) Financing the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (see SAICM/IP.2/9);
 - (e) Review of existing governance models of potential relevance to the sound management of chemicals and waste, including science-policy interfaces (see SAICM/IP.2/10).
13. Several information documents are also available to participants to support the discussions on this agenda item.
14. In opening this agenda item, regions, sectors and the IOMC may wish to provide their overarching perspectives on the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.

(a) Vision

15. Under this agenda sub-item the meeting will aim to exchange views and discuss a possible vision for the way forward for the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, for consideration by the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.
16. Participants may wish to refer to the vision set out in UNEA resolution 1/5 referred to ICCM resolution IV/4; and to the vision set out in SDG goal 12.4.
17. Following an exchange of views and discussion in plenary, this vision will be further addressed in all of the discussion groups on Wednesday 14 March.

(b) Policy principles

18. Under this agenda sub-item the meeting will exchange views and discuss possible policy principles to guide efforts in achieving the vision for chemicals and waste management beyond 2020, for consideration by the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.
19. Participants may wish to consider if and what policy guidance would facilitate implementation of a programme of activities beyond 2020. In doing so the participants may take into account the current Dubai Declaration, Overarching Policy Strategy, the list of “fundamental and basic elements” annexed to UNEA decision 1/5 and the 11 basic elements identified in the Overall Orientation and Guidance.
20. Following an exchange of views and discussion in plenary, this agenda item will be further addressed in all of the discussion groups on Wednesday 14 March.

(c) Measurable objectives and milestones

21. Under this agenda sub-item the meeting will exchange views and discuss possible measurable objectives and milestones for consideration by the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group. Early progress in establishing objectives and milestones will help clarify the needs and priorities for the beyond 2020 context, and may serve to guide the development of implementation and governance arrangements in moving forward
22. As requested, the secretariat has developed, in consultation with stakeholders, a proposal on objectives in support of the 2030 Agenda and related milestones, available to the meeting in document SAICM/IP.2/8. The proposed objectives are centred on the eleven basic elements identified in the Overall Orientation and Guidance, aspirational in nature, and limited in number. Participants may wish to review the proposed objectives and milestones in the secretariat paper and consider whether they will support a programme of work beyond 2020 that will deliver the overall vision.
23. Following an exchange of views and discussion in plenary, this agenda item will be taken up in all of the discussion groups on Wednesday 14 March.

(i) Scope

24. Participants may wish to consider whether the scope of the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 might encompass different sectors and initiatives related to such management that might arise beyond 2020.

(ii) Taking stock of progress

25. Participants may also wish to consider an effective process for undertaking reviews and measuring performance.

(d) Implementation arrangements

26. Under this agenda item, participants may wish to initiate the exchange of views and discuss possible implementation arrangements beyond 2020.
27. Following an exchange of views and general discussion in plenary, this agenda item will be further taken up in all of the discussion groups on Wednesday 14 March.

(i) Responding to new and emerging issues

28. Participants may wish to examine the current list of Strategic Approach emerging policy issues and other issues of concern and consider their continued importance and relevance. Participants may also wish to determine the value of adding new and emerging issues for consideration.

(ii) National implementation

29. Participants may wish to consider the advantages and disadvantages of national and regional actions plans as a method to support implementation of the sound management of chemicals and waste.

(iii) Financing implementation of the sound management of chemicals and waste

30. Participants may wish to consider the financing of the sound management of chemicals and waste. In doing so, the participants may take into consideration the elements in the secretariat paper (SAICM/IP.2/9) as well as the Quick Start Programme Impact Evaluation and the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the Minamata Convention and SAICM when considering the costs of a programme of work for the beyond 2020 framework.

(e) Governance

31. Under this agenda sub-item, the meeting may wish to exchange views and discuss the structure, decision-making rules and other rules of procedure, including stakeholder participation that have been established through the Overarching Policy Strategy and various Conference resolutions that currently make-up the governance structure of the Strategic Approach.
32. Following an exchange of views and general discussion in plenary, this agenda item will be taken up in all of the discussion groups on Wednesday 14 March.

(i) Promoting broader participation

33. Participants may wish to consider how to promote a broader participation of stakeholders and sectors at all levels to meet the objectives of sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, including the private sector involved in chemicals from manufacture, through the value chain, to disposal. Participants may also wish to consider how to increase the political visibility and priority of the chemicals and waste agenda and the identification of key stakeholders.

(ii) Science-policy interface

34. Participants may wish to consider the elements in the secretariat paper (SAICM/IP.2/10) as well as how to explore opportunities to strengthen the science-policy interface, including strengthening the link between science, public health, socio-economic information and policy in chemicals and waste governance.

(f) High-level political commitment and visibility

35. Participants may wish to consider what is required to promote visibility and to mobilize high-level political commitment for the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 taking into account Agenda 2030 with a view to high-level engagement in the fifth session of the Conference in 2020. This item will be taken up in the plenary.

Item 5**Timetable for the process**

36. The secretariat has developed a draft timetable for the intersessional process, available to participants in meeting document SAICM/IP.2/INF.1.
37. Participants may wish to consider that timetable and develop it further, as appropriate.

Item 6**Any other business**

38. The Conference may wish to consider any other business raised during the session.

Item 7**Closure of the meeting**

39. It is expected that the session will be closed by 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 15 March 2018.