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Subject: SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Dear SAICM Stakeholders,

I am pleased to refer to resolution IV/4 of the fourth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM4) entitled “The Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020”. Through the resolution, ICCM4 decided to initiate an intersessional process to prepare recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020. ICCM4 further decided that the intersessional process should be open to all stakeholders and include, in principle, two meetings before the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and one meeting between the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG3) and the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) scheduled for 2020.

Upon the request of the Bureau of ICCM5, the SAICM secretariat is pleased to notify SAICM stakeholders that the first meeting of the intersessional process will take place from 7 to 9 February 2017. The venue of the meeting is yet to be determined. The secretariat will issue a call for participation in the intersessional process in the second half of 2016.

In supporting the intersessional process, the secretariat has initiated an independent evaluation of SAICM for 2006 to 2015 in accordance with the terms of reference set out in the annex to resolution IV/4. The aim of the evaluation is to provide information to enable the intersessional process to develop recommendations and to enable ICCM5 to take an informed decision on future arrangements for the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.

Governments and other stakeholders in a position to do so are encouraged to contribute financial and other resources to enable the secretariat to perform its mandated functions. All potential donors are invited to consider ways in which they might support these efforts.

Those interested in hosting one of the meetings of the intersessional process are invited to indicate their interest to the SAICM secretariat.

To: SAICM Stakeholders

cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Environment Programme
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Participants to ICCM4

More information on the intersessional process will be made available on our website:
www.saicm.org.

We look forward to working with SAICM stakeholders on these important efforts.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

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