

Dear Gertrud, dear colleagues,

We would like to thank for the opportunity to provide inputs for an ICCM 5 High-level declaration. You find our elements below:

Elements for an ICCM5 High-level declaration

- Express great concern and that chemicals and waste are not yet managed in ways which minimize harm to human health and the environment, that the environment and people globally continue to suffer from air, water and land contamination and unsafe products and processes.
- Express concern that the use of chemicals and the amount of waste generated will grow substantially over the coming years and consequence and risks for the environment and human health are not fully known and regulations not sufficiently developed and implemented.
- Reaffirm the sound management of chemicals is essential for sustainable development, including the eradication of poverty and disease, the improvement of human health and the environment and the elevation and maintenance of the standard of living in countries at all levels of development;
- Recognize the need for urgent and more ambitious action and systemic changes to achieve the sound management of chemicals and wastes throughout their life cycle;
- Recognize the need to increase efforts by all actors across all sectors in an accelerated time frame and enhance resource mobilization,
- Adopt the universal framework (mention all components)
- Commit to taking measures at company level, national level and international level, sectorial level to achieve the targets of the post 2020 framework and the 2030 agenda.
- Commit to achieve the objectives of the post 2020 framework through voluntary or legally binding measures and instruments.
- Commit to incorporate future issues of concern identified into the post 2020 framework and take measures to address them.
- Enhanced collaboration among international institutions to harness synergies and ensure an effective implementation
- Underline that a solid scientific basis is crucial for decision-making and that the science-policy interface for the sound management of chemicals and waste must be further strengthened and call for the establishment of a chemicals and waste science-policy panel by UNEP and the WHO.

We are very much looking forward to work with you and the informal drafting group in the process towards a HLG.

Best regards,

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