

Date: 9 November 2018

Subject: Support the Third Meeting of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) Open-ended Working Group (OEWG3), Montevideo, Uruguay, 2 to 4 April 2019

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to refer to the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, a global multi-stakeholder policy framework aimed at minimizing significant adverse effects of chemicals on human health and the environment by 2020. As we approach 2020, it is a critical period to continue the momentum and commitment towards meeting the Strategic Approach 2020 goal and to support Strategic Approach stakeholders in the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.

The Strategic Approach Secretariat will organize the **Third Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group scheduled to take place in Montevideo, Uruguay from 2-4 April 2019**. In addition, the Secretariat has also commenced the planning for **the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management**, scheduled for 5-9 October 2020 in Bonn, Germany.

The below is a brief overview of the foreseen events and activities that require financial support for the remaining period of 2018-2020 for your consideration and support:

1. Third Meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group – Support to meeting costs (April 2019)
2. Third and possibly fourth meeting of the Intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (2019/2020)
3. Strategic Approach regional meetings in March 2019 and 2020
4. Fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management– Support to meeting costs (2020) and
5. SAICM Secretariat core functions and operating costs.

While we are grateful for the contributions made by our donors, the pledges received to-date fall short of the amount required to successfully organize the above meetings and activities. We there for invite Governments and others in a position to do so to contribute to covering the costs of these important Strategic Approach efforts.

Yours sincerely,



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To: Focal points for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management