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

Bucharest, Romania, 23-27 March 2020

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The fourth meeting of the intersessional process (IP4) considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 will open at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 23 March 2020.
2. A representative from the Government of Romania will open the meeting. Additional opening statements will be made by Ms. Gertrud Sahler, 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. Judith Torres (Uruguay) and Mr. David Morin (Canada) who have been appointed co-chairs of the intersessional process.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

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

(b) Organization of work

5. The work of the meeting will be conducted in plenary sessions and thematic groups. It is proposed that plenary be held on Monday, 23 March and Wednesday, 25 March, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. A closing plenary session will be held on Friday, 27 March from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
6. It is further proposed that thematic groups be held on Monday afternoon, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday morning. Thematic groups and other potential sessions will be held in the evenings as needed.
7. As set out in International Conference on Chemicals Management resolution IV/4, the meeting will be conducted in English only.

Item 3

Development of recommendations for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management:

8. Under this agenda item, the meeting will deliberate and finalize recommendations for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) to be held in Bonn, Germany, from 5 to 9 October 2020.
9. In opening this agenda item, the secretariat will be invited to present the compilation text for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (SAICM/IP.4/2). Document SAICM/IP.4/2 was prepared by the secretariat under the guidance of the intersessional process co-chairs and in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference.
10. Participants may wish to refer to and consider the outcome compilation document SAICM/IP.4/2 as the foundation for deliberations at IP4 so that recommendations may be finalized for consideration at the fifth session of the Conference.
11. Participants may wish to recall that UNEP was requested by the third meeting of the Strategic Approach Open-ended Working Group (OEWG3) to prepare a report on linkages with other clusters related to chemicals and waste management and options to coordinate and cooperate on areas of common interest. The first draft of this report was presented to IP3. Participants have before them a UNEP Assessment paper on linkages with other clusters related to chemicals and waste management and options to coordinate and cooperate on areas of common interest (SAICM/IP.4/INF/3) which they may wish to review and consider prior to and during discussions under this agenda item.
12. Before opening the agenda sub-items, regional groups, sectoral groups and the IOMC will be invited to provide their views and overarching perspectives on the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.
13. In line with requests from stakeholders, additional documents linked to this agenda item have been made available to support the meeting deliberations. These are available at www.saicm.org.

(a) Cross-cutting elements

i) Vision

14. Under this agenda sub-item, participants may wish to refer to the draft vision set out in SAICM/IP.4/2, with the aim to come to agreement on the recommendation for a future vision for consideration by the fifth session of the Conference.

ii) Scope

15. Under this agenda sub-item, participants may wish to refer to the draft scope set out in document SAICM/IP.4/2, with the aim to come to agreement on the recommendation for the future scope of the instrument for consideration by the fifth session of the Conference.

iii) Principles and approaches

16. Under this agenda sub-item, participants may wish to refer to the draft principles and approaches set out in document SAICM/IP.4/2, with the aim to come to agreement on the recommendation for principles and approaches for consideration by the fifth session of the Conference.

(b) Strategic objectives and targets

17. A technical working group on targets, milestones and indicators was established at the request of the third meeting of the intersessional process to support further work in this area in the beyond 2020 context.

18. The co-chairs of the technical working group on targets, milestones and indicators will be invited to present an update on results of the technical working group. During the discussions, participants may wish to reflect on the submission from the technical working group for further consideration on the development of targets, indicators and milestones set out in document SAICM/IP.4/3. The technical working group has also provided additional information to support discussions in document SAICM/IP.4/INF/15.
19. Following an exchange of views and discussion in plenary, strategic objectives and targets will be further addressed in a thematic group with the aim to finalize recommendations for the strategic objectives and related targets for consideration at ICCM5.

(c) Governance and implementation

20. Participants may wish to review a number of related documents under this agenda item, including:
- i. Document SAICM/IP.4/INF/4 which provides a summary of known obstacles and possible incentives for promoting multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral participation.
 - ii. Document SAICM/IP.4/INF/5 which is a compilation of submissions from stakeholders and sectors on contributions to achieve enhanced sectoral and stakeholder engagement for beyond 2020.
 - iii. Document SAICM/IP.4/INF/7 includes possible guidelines for national focal points.
21. Under this agenda item, the Government of Germany will be invited to present the results of the governance workshop funded by Germany, Norway and Switzerland on the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 held in Frankfurt, Germany, from 14 to 16 January 2020. Participants may wish to consider the outputs of the workshop which are available as document SAICM/IP.4/INF/6.
- i) Institutional arrangements**
22. Participants may wish to recall that IP3 considered institutional arrangements in a thematic group dedicated to this topic.
23. Following general discussions and an exchange of views in plenary, institutional arrangements will be taken up in a thematic group on governance and implementation with the aim to finalize recommendations for consideration at ICCM5.
- ii) Mechanisms to support implementation**
24. UNEP will be invited to present a report on options for strengthening the science-policy interface at the international level for the sound management of chemicals and waste to be finalized and presented to the fifth session of the Conference for its consideration. Participants may wish to review and consider the draft report available as document SAICM/IP.4/4.
25. Following general discussions and an exchange of views in plenary, mechanisms to support implementation will be taken up in the thematic group on governance and implementation with the aim to finalize recommendations for consideration at ICCM5.
- iii) Issues of concern**
26. Issues of concern are taken up in Annex B of document SAICM/IP.4/2. Following general discussions and an exchange of views in plenary, issues of concern will be taken up in the thematic group on governance and implementation with the aim to finalize recommendations for consideration at ICCM5.

(d) Financial considerations

27. The following papers are available to participants:
- i. Document SAICM/IP.4/5 “Capacity Building Principles” - input received from stakeholders. The proposed text is based on input received from stakeholders.
 - ii. Document SAICM/IP.4/6 as a draft proposal prepared by the secretariat for a resource mobilization strategy.
 - iii. Document SAICM/IP.4/7 as the final review of cost recovery mechanisms and other economic instruments for financing of the sound management of chemicals and waste, prepared as per the request of OEWG3 and finalized for IP4.
28. Following general discussions and an exchange of views in plenary, financial considerations will be taken up in a thematic group related to financial considerations so that recommended text on this issue can be finalized for the consideration of ICCM5.

(e) Proposal for the name of a new instrument.

29. As per the request of IP3, the secretariat prepared proposals for consideration of the name of the future instrument. The secretariat document is available as document SAICM/IP.4/8.
30. Participants may wish to provide reflections on the possible proposed names and give guidance on a related decision-making process for the name of the future instrument.

Item 4

Development of a high-level declaration for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management

31. The Governments of Sweden and Uruguay will be invited to present an update from the last meeting of the High Ambition Alliance on Chemicals and Waste held on 9 December 2019 in Madrid.
32. Participants may wish to consider this update and reflect on options for developing a high-level declaration for consideration by the fifth session of the Conference, building on elements in the Dubai Declaration.

Item 5

Preparations for the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management

33. The Government of Germany will be invited to present an update on preparations for the fifth session of the Conference. Participants may wish to refer to document SAICM/IP.4/INF/9 in that context.

Item 6

Any other business

34. Participants may wish to consider any other business during this agenda item.

Item 7

Closure of the meeting

35. The meeting is expected to close by 6 p.m. on Friday, 27 March 2020.