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UN Environment Assembly concludes with 14 resolutions to curb pollution, protect and restore nature worldwide

Resolutions from UNEA 5.2 – Invigorating the sustainable management of chemicals and waste and combatting pollution

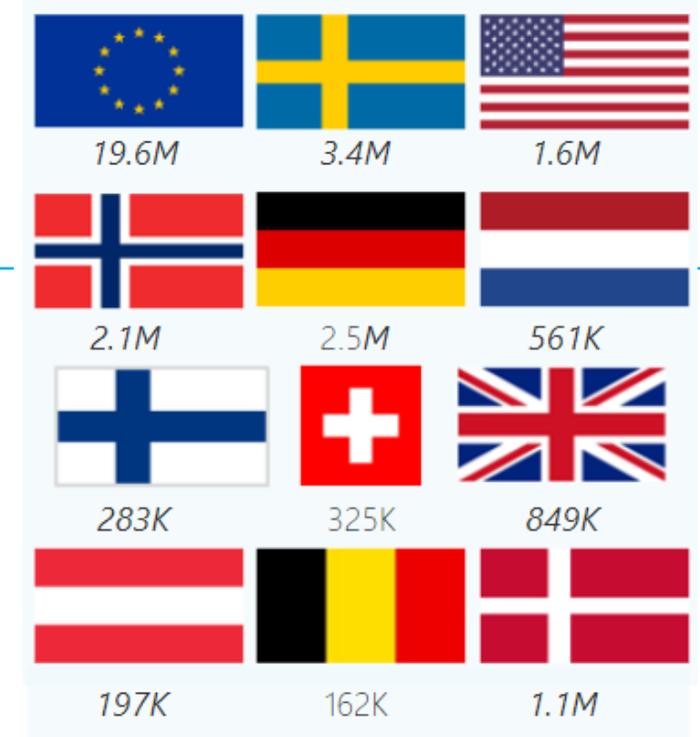
5/Resolution 2: Sustainable nitrogen management	5/Resolution 6: Biodiversity and Health	5/Resolution 7: Sound management of chemicals and waste (Omnibus resolution)	5/Resolution 8: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution	5/Resolution 12: Environmental aspects of minerals and metals management and	5/Resolution 14: End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument
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**5/Resolution 7:
Sound management of chemicals and
waste (Omnibus resolution)**

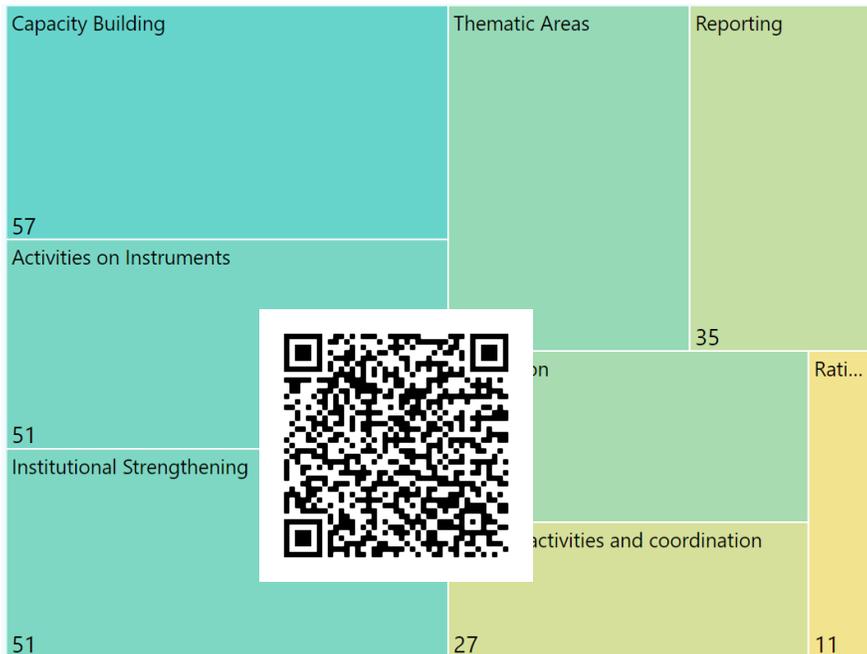
5/Resolution 7: 4 sections

- The Sound Management of Chemicals and Wastes, and the International Conference on Chemical Management
 - **The Integrated Approach to Financing, and one-time extension of the duration of the Special Programme**
 - **issues of concerns**
 - **requests to the ED**
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The Special Programme on Institutional Strengthening for the Chemicals Cluster



- Extension of the Special Programme under UNEA 5/7 Para 16.
 - Can receive contributions and applications for funding for an additional 5 years (Sept 2027) and disburse for 8 years (Mar 2030)
 - Total contributions and pledges realized to date: USD 32,867,080
 - Additional funds needed to support extension estimated at USD 45 million

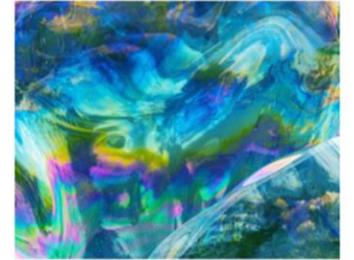


- Projects (66) focusing on implementation of the chemicals and waste related instruments.
 - Thematic Areas: Developing and updating legislation; enforcement private sector engagement; gender mainstreaming
 - Institutional strengthening: establishing permanent chemicals and waste units; developing long term implementation and action plans

5/res 7: issues of concern

Urges Member States and invites other stakeholders to take further action to reduce or eliminate the risks associated with the issues discussed in the report

To seek views on priorities for further work, and on potential further international action, on the issues discussed in the Assessment Report on Issues of Concern and to prepare a summary analysis for consideration by the Environment Assembly and by other international bodies



Issues of Concern under SAICM

1. Chemicals in products (CiP)
2. Endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs)
3. Environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants (EPPPs)
4. Hazardous substances within the life cycle of electrical and electronic products (HSLEEP)
5. Highly hazardous pesticides (HHPs)
6. Lead in paint
7. Nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials
8. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) and the transition to safer alternatives.

Issues Where Emerging Evidence Indicates Risks

1. Arsenic
2. Bisphenol A
3. Cadmium
4. Glyphosate
5. Lead
6. Intentionally Added Microplastics in Products
7. Neonicotinoids
8. Organotins
9. Phthalates
10. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
11. Triclosan

5/res 7: requests to the ED

To update the State of the Science of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals 2012 report before UNEA 6, in cooperation with the WHO.

To present a full range of options for addressing asbestos contaminants in products and the environment for consideration by UNEA 6, in cooperation with the WHO.

to work closely with the other members of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and other relevant United Nations entities and instruments, and with relevant multilateral environmental agreements, to foster effective cooperation and collaboration in promoting the sound management of chemicals and waste

Welcomes UNEP's Green and Sustainable Chemistry: Framework Manual and its Executive Summary, which highlight the crucial importance of environmentally sound innovation, and encourage their use as appropriate.

Invites Member States, international organizations and other stakeholders to address the adverse impact of pesticides and fertilizers, and notes the joint initiative by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme to eliminate the harm posed by highly hazardous pesticides;

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- Operational SPP by September 2024 (30 months)
 - Role of OEWG Secretariat to be substantive. Head of the Secretariat appointed
 - Immediate involvement from industry (chemicals & waste)
 - Need to engage with academia and civil society from start (IPBES)
 - Tentative timetable for three OEWG meetings - October 2022, July 2023, March 2024
 - OEWG 1:
 - Option to link with first plastics INC
 - Establish the Bureau
 - Establish rules and procedures
 - Push the substantive elements of this first event so not only procedural
 - Review of country priorities and identify opportunities for innovation
 - Identify areas of agreement and divergent views (setting the scope)
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- undertake horizon scanning, that is a systematic examination of information to identify potential threats, risks, emerging issues and opportunities; and identify issues of concern and provide evidence-based options for solutions to address them;
 - undertake assessments on the nature and scale of particular issues and, where appropriate, potential solutions, and generate outputs that inform all actors, to support them in developing specific instruments or policies; and
 - provide up-to-date and relevant information, catalyse scientific research, ensure communication between scientists and policymakers, translate and disseminate findings for different audience and raise public awareness
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5/Resolution 6: Biodiversity and Health

AMR and the Environment: UNEP as member of One Health Quadripartite

The alliance will focus on a One Health Joint Plan of Action, with 6 action tracks: enhancing countries' capacity to strengthen health systems under a One Health approach; reducing the risks from emerging or resurfacing zoonotic epidemics and pandemics; controlling and eliminating endemic zoonotic, neglected tropical or vector-borne diseases; strengthening the assessment, management and communication of food safety risks; curbing the silent pandemic of AMR and better integrating the environment into the One Health approach.



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Strengthened partnership aims to accelerate coordinated strategy on human, animal and ecosystem health

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UNEP's ongoing effort includes:

- Member of the Quadripartite Joint Secretariat implementing the common workplan (integrated surveillance, governance, economic case, research agenda, etc.)
- Member of the AMR Multi-Partner Trust Fund Secretariat
- Implementation of AMR MPTF projects
- Awareness raising activities
- Regional and Country level initiatives with capacity building
- 'One Health High-Level Expert Panel', and 'One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance'
- 'Environmental dimensions of AMR' report

5/Resolution 14: End Plastic Pollution – Towards an International Legally Binding Instrument

5/Resolution 4: End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument

Entry points:

- Build a broad instrument so that it is not just tinkering around the edges of the problem.
 - Be informed by science.
 - Have close engagement and with the involvement of stakeholders.
 - Spur solutions for a new economy.
 - Learn from other multilateral agreements and instruments, but also be ready and willing to embrace new and bold innovations in the multilateral environmental space.
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Thank you for your attention

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