

Agenda Item 4© Chemicals & Waste

UNEA-2 Intervention by Womens Major Group

Presented by: Imogen Ingram, ISACI, Cook Islands

email: imogenpuaingram@gmail.com

Intervention on chemicals:

- **I am from a pacific island.** We are all impacted daily by the hundreds of hazardous chemicals in our oceans and environment oceans, and we call for urgent phase out of such chemicals. The **resolution shows** unfortunately that the **political priority** of the chemicals agenda is low, notwithstanding the fact that **safe management of chemicals is a prerequisite for the SDGs.**

- An increased government donor base for **implementing the chemicals conventions and SAICM** is needed.

- The resolution should ensure that the chemical industry should **internalize the costs**, by **member states adopting laws** on effective **extended producer responsibility**

To reduce the burden of hazardous chemicals on human health and the environment, and particularly on children, member states should enact laws, including bans, because **early life exposure to hazardous chemicals can lead to irreversible disease and premature death,**

- The **Global Waste Mngt Outlook** should include strategies for separation of hazardous substances from waste streams before recycling, if not the circular economy will not be possible.