

Excerpt on draft resolution on emerging policy issues of the recent fourth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM4), Geneva, Switzerland, 28 September – 2 October 2015

Draft resolution on emerging policy issues

The Conference,

Recalling the goal established by the World Summit on Sustainable Development, as set out in paragraph 23 of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, of ensuring that by 2020 chemicals are produced and used in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment,

Reaffirming Conference resolutions II/4 and III/2 on emerging policy issues and acknowledging with appreciation the cooperative actions undertaken by stakeholders of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management on the emerging policy issues of lead in paint, chemicals in products, hazardous substances within the life cycle of electrical and electronic products, nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials and endocrine-disrupting chemicals and recognizing their contribution toward the 2020 goal of sound chemicals management,

Considering the nomination of environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants as a new emerging policy issue,

Recalling its request that the secretariat report on the progress made on the work on emerging policy issues at its fourth session,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the reports on progress made on the work on the emerging policy issues;
2. *Encourages* further implementation of the cooperative actions by all Strategic Approach stakeholders on the emerging policy issues;
3. *Also encourages* continued and enhanced risk reduction and information sharing efforts on emerging policy issues;
4. *Stresses* the need to foster coherent implementation of the emerging policy issues;
5. *Requests* the lead agencies of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, Governments and other relevant stakeholders to report through the secretariat on progress in the implementation of Conference resolutions on emerging policy issues to the Open-ended Working Group and the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session;
6. *Invites* all Strategic Approach stakeholders, in a position to do so, to provide resources for further work on emerging policy issues, including financial resources to facilitate means of implementation for developing countries and countries with economies in transition;
7. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, within its mandate, to support the implementation of the Conference resolutions of all emerging policy issues and to continue that support in its 7th replenishment.

1. Existing emerging policy issues

A. Lead in paint

Recalling resolution II/4 B on lead in paint adopted by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its second session and the establishment by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Health Organization of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (Lead Paint Alliance) as a voluntary global partnership,

Recalling also resolution III/2 B on lead in paint adopted by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its third session and its welcome to the formation of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint,

Welcoming the progress to date made by the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint, including the recent formation of the advisory group for the Alliance, and the contributions by

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the United Nations Environment Programme and World Health Organization, and of the United States of America as chair of the advisory group,

Noting the inclusion of risk reduction as a Strategic Approach objective,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint to achieve its goal to phase out lead in paint by 2020;

2. *Encourages* Governments, civil society organizations and the private sector to participate in the work of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and assist in achieving the above goal;

3. *Encourages* Strategic Approach stakeholders to promote and/or initiate national and/or regional discussions to address the possible establishment of effective measures, including regulation, to phase out the use of lead in paint;