

## **Resolution V/4: Mainstreaming a gender perspective and promoting gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls in chemicals and waste management**

*The Conference,*

*Taking into account* the principles and approaches mentioned in section IV of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 70/1, “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and its Sustainable Development Goals 5 (achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls) and 17 (strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development),

*Recalling also* the Economic and Social Council’s agreed conclusions 1997/2 of 18 July 1997 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system<sup>1</sup> and its resolution 2012/24, on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system, which welcomed the development of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 75/1 of 21 September 2020 on the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, and specifically paragraph 11, on placing women and girls at the centre and accelerating action to achieve gender equality, women’s participation and the empowerment of women and girls in all domains,

*Recalling* United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 4/17 on promoting gender equality and the human rights and empowerment of women and girls in environmental governance,

*Recognizing* that gender equality is relevant to chemicals and waste management,

*Underlining* the importance of involving women at all levels of decision-making in order to ensure their equal participation and leadership,

*Welcoming* actions by all stakeholders to promote gender equality, to create the necessary conditions to empower all women and girls in the context of chemicals and waste management, and to support addressing the global pollution crisis, including through the Gender and Chemicals Partnership,

*Emphasizing* the importance of gender mainstreaming for further promoting gender equality and the rights and empowerment of all women and girls to ensure the effective implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, and the need to address gender-differentiated impacts of chemical exposure,

1. *Requests* the secretariat, with the participation of interested stakeholders, to develop a gender action plan for consideration by the Conference at its next session in order to advance towards full, equal and meaningful participation by all women in decision-making, and to promote gender-responsive policies and mainstreaming a gender perspective in the implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, taking into account progress made in mainstreaming a gender perspective;

2. *Encourages* all stakeholders to support interim actions towards the goals mentioned in paragraph 1 above, such as the development of national gender action plans and any other actions to promote gender equality and to create the necessary conditions for all women and girls to empower themselves in chemicals and waste management, including, but not limited to, multisectoral and multi-stakeholder partnerships, promoting and incorporating gender-specific tools, gender-disaggregated data collection methods, and research to better understand the links between gender, chemicals and waste;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to foster collaboration, as appropriate, with secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements and with relevant United Nations agencies and programmes, including UN-Women, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/52/3/Rev.1), chap. IV, sect. A, para. 4.*

other relevant partners in the field of gender equality, in relation to the implementation of the Global Framework<sup>2</sup> on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste;

4. *Invites* all stakeholders to include information on progress made in mainstreaming a gender perspective in their reports to the Conference.

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<sup>2</sup> The reference to the Framework here and thereafter refers to the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste.