

Resolution V/6: International cooperation and coordination

The Conference,

Taking note of the Millennium Development Goals, the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,¹ the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”,² and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,³ which have all addressed the chemicals and waste challenges that require comprehensive international cooperative action,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 61/205 of 20 December 2006, in which the General Assembly welcomed the endorsement of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme at its ninth special session,

Taking note of the ministerial declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its fifth session, entitled “Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”,⁴ which addresses the triple crises for our common environment of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution,

Taking note also, in particular, of United Nations Environment Assembly resolutions 4/8 and 5/7, on the sound management of chemicals and waste, and 5/8, on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution; of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;⁵ and of relevant decisions on chemicals and waste management adopted by the governing bodies of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Waste and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Minamata Convention on Mercury and other relevant international agreements,

Recalling the adoption of resolutions on the implementation of the Strategic Approach that highlight the urgent need for action across all relevant sectors, including by the governing bodies of organizations participating in the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, and also decisions on international cooperation and coordination taken by the governing bodies of other international bodies and multilateral agreements,

Taking note with appreciation of the report on the activities undertaken by the secretariat to implement the Strategic Approach between July 2015 and June 2023,⁶ as well as the information provided by stakeholders on activities undertaken to support the implementation of the Strategic Approach, including the report⁷ submitted by the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals to the Conference at its fifth session,

Emphasizing the cross-cutting and cross-sectoral relevance of the sound management of chemicals and waste to many of the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to addressing climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution,

1. *Brings* the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste to the attention of the governing bodies of relevant intergovernmental organizations and multilateral agreements and invites them to endorse or otherwise appropriately acknowledge and support the Framework, with a view to considering, within the scope of their respective mandates, the incorporation in their programmes of work of mutually supportive activities that also contribute to the achievement of the strategic objectives and targets of the Framework;

¹ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II. A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

² General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex.

³ General Assembly resolution 70/1.

⁴ UNEP/EA.5/HLS.1.

⁵ Decision 15/4 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, annex.

⁶ SAICM/ICCM.5/3/Rev.1.

⁷ SAICM/ICCM.5/INF/19.

2. *Encourages* all relevant international organizations to continue promoting the broad engagement of stakeholders and sectors in national and regional efforts related to chemicals and waste;
3. *Encourages* all stakeholders to consider, when implementing the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, the important interlinkages with chemicals- and waste-related aspects of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and also those with other instruments and measures for addressing other international development challenges, in particular in relation to poverty, health, food, energy, labour, water, sanitation, climate change and biodiversity loss;
4. *Encourages* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to work closely with the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, other relevant United Nations organizations, instruments and frameworks, and the secretariats of relevant multilateral agreements to foster effective cooperation and collaboration in promoting and implementing the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste;
5. *Stresses* the importance of the relationship with the ongoing processes to establish a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, and an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, and urges all stakeholders of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste to actively participate in and contribute to the establishment of the science-policy panel and the instrument on plastic pollution;
6. *Requests* the secretariat to cooperate closely with the future science-policy panel with a view to identifying issues of relevance for supporting the implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste and further options for fostering collaboration and cooperation to be considered by the Conference;
7. *Welcomes* the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and invites stakeholders to take into account the objectives of that framework in their actions to implement the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste;
8. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare, subject to the availability of resources and in collaboration with relevant organizations, a report on interlinkages between the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, outlining entry points for enhancing collaboration and cooperation in the implementation of the two frameworks, for consideration by the Conference at its next session;
9. *Requests* the secretariat to report to the Conference at its next session on its activities to implement the present resolution, as appropriate.