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**Open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators**

**First meeting – Segment 1**

Online, 16 April 2024, 13:00-14:30 CEST<sup>1</sup>

**Item 3(b) of the provisional agenda\***

**Organizational matters: organization of work**

## **Scenario note for the first segment of the first meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators**

### **Note by the President of the International Conference for the Global Framework on Chemicals**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. At its fifth session held from 25 to 29 September 2023 in Bonn, Germany, the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) adopted the “Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste” (hereinafter referred to as “the Framework”) along with a set of resolutions to support implementation and a High-Level Declaration (the “Bonn Declaration on the Global Framework for Chemicals”).

2. The Framework, which supersedes the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), covers the entire life cycle of chemicals, including in products and waste, with the overall vision of a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste for a safe, healthy and sustainable future. Amongst others, it establishes five strategic objectives and a set of 28 targets to guide stakeholders in their efforts at all levels to address the sound management of chemicals and waste.

3. In order to facilitate the reporting and monitoring of progress and impact in its implementation and contribute to assessing progress towards the vision, the Framework includes a measurability structure described in its [section XI](#) and to be included in its [annex III](#). This measurability structure is to be composed of the following types of indicators:

- (a) High-level indicators to measure progress towards the vision, in relation to the impacts of chemicals and waste on human health and on the environment;

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<sup>1</sup> The first meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators is being held in two segments. The first segment of the meeting will be held online on 16 April 2024, while the second segment will be held online on 13 May 2024.

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- (b) Headline indicators, when identified, to measure impact against the [strategic objectives](#);
- (c) Process indicators that measure actions taken and impact indicators that measure results achieved against the targets;
- (d) Other indicators, as decided.

4. Through its Resolution V/9 on Measurability Structure, the Conference further decided to establish an open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators that will work by electronic means with the aim of preparing recommendations for finalizing of the measurability structure and a proposal for a set of indicators for annex III to the Framework, to be considered at the next session of the International Conference.

5. The present scenario note has been prepared by the President of the International Conference together with the Bureau to assist stakeholders in their preparations for the meeting. It sets out a proposed plan and desired outcomes of the first segment of the first meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group.

## **II. Dates and participation**

6. To maximise and expedite the work of the open-ended ad hoc group in an online setting, its first meeting will be held in two segments. The first segment, to be held on 16 April 2024, from 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. CEST, will focus on the election of officers and other organizational matters, while the second segment, to be held on 13 May 2024, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. CEST will consider substantial matters. This approach should facilitate elected officers in preparing the substantial discussion of the second segment of the meeting supported by with the secretariat.

7. The open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators is open for participation of all stakeholders. The rules of procedure of the International Conference will apply, mutatis mutandis, to the work and proceedings of this meeting. Broad participation from stakeholder groups and sectors is encouraged to ensure a balance of regional and sectoral representation within the group, preferably with relevant technical expertise and experience that will contribute significantly to successful outcomes.

## **III. Organization of work**

8. The meeting will be conducted in English only, in a virtual setting. Working documents are available on the meeting webpage at: <https://www.chemicalsframework.org/page/open-ended-ad-hoc-group-measurability-and-indicators>

9. The meeting will be opened by the President of the International Conference, who will invite the meeting to adopt the provisional agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda as set out in document GFC/OEAHGMI.1/1.

10. The open-ended ad hoc group will then be invited to consider agenda item 3 (a), election of officers. In accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the International Conference, the ad hoc open-ended group is expected to appoint its officers and may consider electing a chair or two co-chairs from among the Governmental participants present at that meeting.

11. Once elected, the co-chairs will preside over the meeting and will invite the ad hoc open-ended group to consider and adopt the agenda for its first meeting based on the provisional agenda set out in document GFC/OEAHGMI.1/1.

12. The ad hoc open-ended group may wish to discuss other organisational matters under agenda item 3 (b).

## **IV. Expected outcomes of the first segment of the first meeting**

13. Against this contextual background, the main expected outcomes to be accomplished at the first segment of the first meeting include that the open-ended ad hoc group will have:

- i) Elected two co-chairs;
- ii) Agreed on the organization of its work;

## **V. Conclusions**

14. I very much look forward to working with you all at the first segment of the first meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators which pivotal in establishing solid bases toward the effective early implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals.

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