Annex IV

Elements for a draft resolution on nanotechnologies and nanomaterials for consideration by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fourth session

The Conference

Reaffirms its resolutions II/4 E and III/2 E on nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials;

Calls for continued implementation of these resolutions giving special emphasis to:

- facilitating the exchange of information on nanotechnologies and the sound management of manufactured nanomaterials [for example through an appropriate clearing house mechanism];
- developing international technical and regulatory guidance and training materials for the sound management of manufactured nanomaterials, based on the compilation of pertinent information [prepared by the SAICM secretariat];
- welcoming the work of the UN sub-committee on GHS in assessing the applicability of GHS criteria for the classification of a number of nanomaterials and encouraging it to continue its efforts.

Further:

Invites all stakeholders to continue raising awareness and enhance capacity on the sound management of manufactured nanomaterials, paying particular attention to the situation and needs of developing countries and Countries with Economies in transition, for example through e-learning courses and regional consultation;

[Recommends increasing outreach and scaling up accessibility of information through different means;]

Encourages Strategic Approach stakeholders to use the guidance for the Development of a National Nanotechnology Policy and Programme developed by UNITAR;

Requests continued engagement of all Strategic Approach stakeholders, including the relevant organizations of the IOMC in particular the UNITAR and OECD as well as WHO and ILO in the implementation of the relevant ICCM resolutions[ and GPA activities];

Invites all Strategic Approach stakeholders, as appropriate, to provide resources for further work in this area;

Requests the secretariat in coordination with the relevant stakeholders to report on progress in the implementation of the resolutions to the next Session of the Conference.