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Draft decision on manufactured nanomaterials and nanotechnologies

Note by the secretariat

The annex to the present note sets out a draft decision on nanomaterials and nanotechnologies reflecting discussions in the committee of the whole as at 9 p.m. on Thursday, 17 November 2011. It has been reproduced as received, without formal editing.

Annex

Draft resolution on manufactured nanomaterials and nanotechnologies for consideration and possible adoption at the third session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management

The Open-ended Working Group may wish to consider recommending that the International Conference on Chemicals Management the adoption of a resolution at its third session along the following lines:

The International Conference on Chemicals Management

Mindful of the overarching goal articulated in Paragraph 23 of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to ensure that by 2020 chemicals are produced and used in ways that minimize significant adverse impacts on the environment and human health;

Recalling the Dakar Statement on Manufactured Nanomaterials adopted by the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety at its sixth session;

Further recalling resolution II/4 E on nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials adopted by the International Conference on Chemical Management at its second session;

Considering the specific needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

Considering the resolutions on nanotechnologies adopted by the African and GRULAC regions during their regional meetings held in the period 2009-11;

Taking into account the ongoing work of the IOMC and participation organisations and ISO, including lessons learnt on effective mechanisms for information exchange;

Taking into account the report on nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials prepared by the SAICM secretariat for the Open Ended Working Group and the third session of the ICCM, in particular its conclusions recommending further actions to be undertaken under SAICM.

1. *Underlines* that SAICM provides a suitable framework for addressing nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials

2. *Encourages* all SAICM stakeholders to facilitate information exchange on nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials in order to improve global transparency and allow better decision making processes,

Examples of such information might include risk assessments, risk reduction measures, and information on environment, health and safety research,

3. *Recommends* the development of international technical and regulatory guidance and training materials for the sound management of manufactured nanomaterials.

4. *Requests* that all SAICM stakeholders continue to support the public dialogues on all aspects of nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials, including on the benefits and risks of manufactured nanomaterials throughout their life cycle (former para 7)

5. *[Recommends* the development of pilot projects at national level to enhance capacity to address the sound management of nano technologies and manufactured nanomaterials]

6. *Invites* relevant international organizations including participating organizations of the IOMC, such as OECD and UNITAR, to continue to support efforts to facilitate information exchange, develop guidance and training materials, and support public dialogues regarding nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials.

7. *[Invites] [Calls for]* industry to continue and enhance their stewardship role and responsibilities [as manufacturers and suppliers of] [in relation to] nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials, and to participate and support, [including in financial terms], awareness raising, information exchange and training activities, as well as in public dialogue and risk research

8. *[Invites the UN Committees of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals to monitor the progress of international scientific work, review the applicability of the GHS criteria in relation to manufactured nanomaterials, and if needed prepare a work plan for their adaptation ;]*

9. *[Invites the Conferences of Parties of the Rotterdam, Stockholm and Basel Conventions to consider whether manufactured nanomaterials and their applications fall under their respective mandates, and in cases they do not, whether they should .]*

10. *[Invites all stakeholders, in particular ICCA, to identify manufactured nanomaterials and generate information to enable the safe handling and use throughout their life cycle and make these information available through appropriate dissemination mechanisms developed through ICCA] .*

11. *[Recommends that all intersessional activities related to manufactured nanomaterials give special attention to their full life cycle and occupational exposure.]*
