

Decision adopted on 9 February 2006 by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme at its ninth special session, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 7-9 February 2006

SS.IX/1. Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 18/12 of 26 May 1995, 19/13 of 7 February 1997, 20/23 of 4 February 1999, SS.VII/3 of 15 February 2002, 22/4 of 7 February 2003 and 23/9 of 25 February 2005 concerning global policies related to chemicals management and the development of a strategic approach to international chemicals management,

Recalling paragraph 23 of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation¹ adopted by the World Summit on Sustainable Development on 4 September 2002, and paragraph 56 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 16 December 2005, in which the development of such a strategic approach was endorsed by heads of State and Government,

Noting the support expressed for the development of a strategic approach at the tenth regular session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, on 30 June 2004, the fifteenth meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, on 4 November 2005, the 2,697th meeting of the Council of the European Union, on 2 December 2005, and the seventeenth session of the Council of Arab Ministers responsible for the Environment, on 21 December 2005,

Welcoming the spirit of coordination and cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the other participating organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals,

Also welcoming the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, consisting of the Dubai Declaration on International Chemicals Management, the Overarching Policy Strategy and the Global Plan of Action, as adopted by the International Conference on Chemicals Management in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 6 February 2006²,

1. *Endorses* the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management as contained in the Dubai Declaration on International Chemicals Management, the Overarching Policy Strategy and the Global Plan of Action;
2. *Requests* the Executive Director to convene the future sessions of the International Conference on Chemicals Management provided for in the Overarching Policy Strategy, where appropriate to be held back-to-back with meetings of the governing bodies of relevant intergovernmental organizations;
3. *Requests* the Executive Director to establish and assume overall administrative responsibility for the Strategic Approach secretariat and authorizes the participation of the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme in the Strategic Approach secretariat in accordance with relevant decisions of the Governing Council at its twenty-third session;
4. *Invites* all Governments, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, including from the private sector, to provide voluntary extra-budgetary resources in support of the Strategic Approach secretariat in the fulfilment of its functions;
5. *Authorizes* the Executive Director to establish and manage the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund to support initial implementation of the Strategic Approach;

¹ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publications, Sales no. E.03.II.A1) chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

² *Report of the International Conference on Chemicals Management on the work of its first session (SAICM/ICCM.1/7)*, annexes I, II and III.

6. *Urges* Governments, regional economic integration organizations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to make contributions to the voluntary trust fund established by the United Nations Environment Programme to support Strategic Approach implementation activities under the Quick Start Programme³;

7. *Invites* Governments, regional economic integration organizations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to contribute resources to support the Strategic Approach implementation activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Quick Start Programme;

8. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session on initial activities and planning in support of Strategic Approach implementation activities by the United Nations Environment Programme, taking into account the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building.⁴

³ SAICM/ICCM.1/7, annex IV, resolution 1.

⁴ UNEP/GC.23/6/Add.1 and Corr.1.