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UNEA 2 Resolution 2/7 on Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste
Ongoing and Planned Implementing Action - UN Environment

I. Meeting the 2020 goal and beyond

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<p>3. "Requests the Executive Director to, within available resources:</p> <p>(a) Coordinate with relevant international stakeholders and support Member States, as appropriate, on policies and actions for the sound management of chemicals and waste for the achievement of relevant Sustainable Development Goals and targets;</p> <p>(b) Work with other United Nations agencies on the development of relevant data, including supplementary indicators, in support of the indicators developed under the auspices of the United Nations Statistical Commission;</p> <p>(c) Issue, by the end of 2017, an overview for policymakers on policies and actions that could be adopted, as appropriate given national needs and priorities, in order to reach the Sustainable Development Goals and targets";</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat led the organization of an International Workshop on the Sustainable Development Goals and the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste, Geneva, Switzerland, 11-13 April 2016. The workshop brought together more than 100 stakeholders and was organized through collaboration of the Chemicals and Waste Branch, the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat and the Inter-organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC). In 2017-2018, the Chemicals and Waste Branch working with other United Nations agencies will implement a project to support three pilot countries in linking national data collection and statistics to global chemicals and waste related indicators under the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and Multilateral Environmental Agreements. To support the process, two international expert meetings will be organized in 2017 and 2018.
<p>5. "Requests the Executive Director, given the capacity of the United Nations Environment Programme as a participating organization of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, to proactively participate in and support the intersessional process agreed on at the fourth session of the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chemicals and Waste Branch, in addition to hosting the Secretariat of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, actively contributed to relevant international conferences and meetings, including the preparations for the intersessional process on the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, mainly by providing updates on

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<p>International Conference on Chemicals Management to prepare recommendations on the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, inter alia, to foster the active involvement of relevant industry stakeholders”;</p>	<p>the substantive work undertaken through Global Chemicals Outlook-II.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic Approach secretariat has actively engaged industry stakeholders during 2016 with the aim of ensuring their active involvement in the intersessional process. Such engagement includes participation by the Strategic Approach secretariat in industry organized meetings. • Under a collaborative agreement with ICCA signed in 2016 the Secretariat and ICCA co-organized a global workshop in September 2016 (Shanghai) on the role of chemistry in implementing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, with more than 100 participants from around the world. • The Strategic Approach secretariat will be servicing the 1st meeting of the intersessional process on the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 in Brasilia, Brazil from 7 to 9 February 2017.
<p>7. “Requests the Executive Director to support countries, particularly developing countries, in the implementation of the integrated approach to financing for the sound management of chemicals and waste, keeping in view national circumstances and noting the importance of the approach for the achievement of many of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular capacity-building activities to mainstream the sound management of chemicals and waste”;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Special Programme secretariat organized the second meeting of the Executive Board at which seven projects on institutional strengthening were approved. The successful countries for which projects were approved are: Iran, Kyrgyz Republic, Ukraine, Tanzania, Benin, Argentina and Dominican Republic. The approved projects all aim at building capacity at the national level towards mainstreaming chemicals and waste into the broader national development agenda. • The second application round under the Special Programme for Institutional Strengthening at the national level for the chemicals and waste cluster will be launched in February 2017.
<p>9. “Requests the Executive Director to consider how successive updates of the Global Waste Management Outlook and the Global Chemicals Outlook could be accorded in timing and approach”;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chemicals and waste interface will be covered in a distinct chapter in Global Chemicals Outlook-II to be developed in 2017. The Director of International Environmental Technology Centre is a member of the Global Chemicals Outlook-II Steering Committee.

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<p>10. “Requests the Executive Director to cooperate with Governments, with the private sector, including industry, and with other non-governmental organizations to continue work on lead and cadmium”;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lead Paint Alliance is actively working in regions and countries to meet the goal to have legal limits to lead in paint in place in all countries by 2020. • A review paper to examine latest knowledge on cadmium including options for next step is being developed in 2017. • Activities on lead battery recycling reported separately.

II. Waste

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<p>11. “Requests the Executive Director to ensure full integration of environmentally sound management of waste, including the prevention of waste generation, in the programme-wide strategies and policies of the United Nations Environment Programme”;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant work is planned for 2017.
<p>13. “Requests the Executive Director to strengthen and enhance the work of the International Environmental Technology Centre as a global centre of excellence for waste management, particularly work on a knowledge platform which can be accessed by all stakeholders, capacity-building for national- and municipal-level waste policies, strategies and action plans, as well as in delivering that assistance through partnerships, notably the Global Partnership on Waste Management, in close cooperation with all relevant United Nations agencies and regional centres and secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements”;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant work is planned for 2017.
<p>14. “Requests the Executive Director to issue an update of the Global Waste Management Outlook by the end of 2019, including a summary for policymakers, and ensure complementarity with the update of the Global Chemicals Outlook as appropriate and with the ongoing process for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat is updating the Global Waste Management Outlook continually with targeted regional and thematic outlook reports. The first such report “Waste Management Outlook for Mountain Regions” was released on 12 December 2016. The report may be downloaded here:

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<p>regional waste management outlooks, with a view to addressing, inter alia:</p> <p>(a) The interlinkages between chemicals and waste, as requested in United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 1/5, paragraph 28;</p> <p>(b) Options for implementation of actions to achieve relevant Sustainable Development Goals;</p> <p>(c) Strategies for increasing waste prevention, reduction, reuse, recycling and other recovery, including energy recovery leading to overall reduction of final disposal, including landfilling, and ensuring that such strategies address the need to manage waste in an environmentally sound manner, particularly so that harmful substances are properly separated from waste streams and adequately treated, and producers are encouraged to put more sustainable products on the market and support recovery and recycling schemes”;</p>	<p>http://www.grida.no/publications/default/6826.aspx</p>
<p>18. “Requests the Executive Director, subject to the availability of resources, to assist countries, in particular developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in their efforts to strengthen and enhance national, subregional and regional implementation of environmentally sound management of waste, notably by:</p> <p>(a) Preparing regional waste management outlooks to enhance the availability of information, including on environmentally sound technologies related to integrated waste management, through the Knowledge Hub, as appropriate, and taking into account the Global Waste Management Outlook;</p> <p>(b) Facilitating capacity-building and technology demonstration projects, in particular in urban areas, to promote the “3R” (reduce, reuse and recycle) approach by waste prevention,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a) The Secretariat is updating the Global Waste Management Outlook continually with targeted regional and thematic outlook reports. The first such report “Waste Management Outlook for Mountain Regions” was released on 12 December. The report may be downloaded here: http://www.grida.no/publications/default/6826.aspx • (b) – (d) The Secretariat will report details on relevant activities in 2017. • (e) The Secretariat organized a session on the recycling of lead acid batteries in Dakar, Senegal, in December 2016 within a West African subregional workshop on multilateral environmental agreements and sustainable development goals related to chemicals and waste.

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<p>reduction, reuse, recycling and other recovery, including energy recovery;</p> <p>(c) Providing access to available information on best available techniques and technologies for the environmentally sound management of waste;</p> <p>(d) Developing work in the field of technology assessment through tools such as a methodology for sustainability assessment of technologies to enable decision makers to select the most appropriate technologies for achieving the environmentally sound management of waste;</p> <p>(e) Providing capacity-building, with a multisectoral and multi-stakeholder approach, in developing countries, in particular least developed countries, to implement regulatory frameworks and programmes for the recycling of waste lead-acid batteries, including the role of the private sector therein”;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat will organize a workshop in Burkina Faso in the second quarter of 2017 to support development of a regional strategy in Africa for the sound recycling of lead acid batteries.

III. CHEMICALS

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<p>20. “Invites countries, international organizations and other interested stakeholders, including the private sector, having relevant experience with the issue of sustainable chemistry to submit to the United Nations Environment Programme secretariat, by 30 June 2017, best practices, indicating how these may enhance the sound management of chemicals, inter alia through the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and chemicals- and waste-related multilateral environmental agreements”;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat will send out a global survey on Sustainable Chemicals in early 2017 to obtain a better understanding about the concept in Member States. • The results will inform a communication to Member States during the 2nd Quarter in 2017, to submit good practices by 30 June 2017.

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<p>21. "Requests the Executive Director to prepare a report in the first quarter of 2018 analysing the information received to assist the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management in considering the opportunities presented by sustainable chemistry, including linkages to sustainable consumption and production policies, and the possibilities that sustainable chemistry may offer of contributing to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda";</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant work is planned for 2017.
<p>23. "Requests de Executive director to:</p> <p>(a) Submit by the end of 2018 an update of the Global Chemicals Outlook, including a summary for policymakers, addressing inter alia the work carried out particularly in relation to lacking or inadequate data to assess progress towards the 2020 goal, the development of non-chemical alternatives, and the linkages between chemicals and waste, in coordination with the Global Waste Management Outlook, and providing scientific input and options for implementation of actions to reach relevant Sustainable Development Goals and targets up to and beyond 2020;</p> <p>(b) Solicit feedback from countries and other stakeholders on the proposed plan for updating the Global Chemicals Outlook as outlined in UNEP/EA.2/INF/20, and ask the Global Chemicals Outlook steering committee to consider this feedback and to consider possible adjustments to the proposed plan, as appropriate, at its first meeting;</p> <p>(c) Ensure that the updated Global Chemicals Outlook addresses the issues which have been identified as emerging policy issues by the International Conference on Chemicals Management, as well as other issues where emerging evidence indicates a risk to human health and the environment;</p> <p>(d) Given the capacity of the United Nations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first meeting of the Steering Committee for Global Chemicals Outlook took place on 15-16 December 2016. • UNEP/EA.2/INF/20 was circulated to stakeholder of Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management in July 2016 for comment, as requested by the United Nations Environment Assembly. • A review paper will be prepared in 2017 which will address issues which have been identified as emerging policy issues by the International Conference on Chemicals Management, as well as other issues where emerging evidence indicates a risk to human health and the environment • In 2016, UN Environment and the World Health Organization have taken steps and initiated collaborative activities to implement the recommendations of the International Conference on Chemicals Management on environmentally persistent pharmaceuticals pollutants. Details will be shared in mid-2017

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<p>Environment Programme as a member of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, work with the Director-General of the World Health Organization to enhance that organization’s engagement with the emerging issue of environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants, particularly through strengthening the science base”;</p>	
<p>25. “Requests the Executive Director to report on progress in the implementation of the present resolution to the United Nations Environment Assembly at its next session”.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short summary update report is expected to be prepared for United Nations Environment Assembly 3 with a more substantial report planned for United Nations Environment Assembly 4