

Global Framework on Chemicals – for a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste

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**Global Framework on Chemicals: global alliance on highly
hazardous pesticides**

Global alliance on highly hazardous pesticides

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. At its fifth session, held in Bonn, Germany, in September 2023, the International Conference on Chemicals Management adopted resolution V/11 on highly hazardous pesticides.
2. In the resolution, the Conference, among other things, endorsed the formation of a global alliance on highly hazardous pesticides with the goal of taking effective measures to phase out highly hazardous pesticides in agriculture where the risks had not been managed and where safer and affordable alternatives were available.
3. Work to establish a global alliance on highly hazardous pesticides has begun, and additional information on progress in that regard is provided in document UNEP/GFC/OEWG.1/INF/14.

II. Activities to implement the resolution

4. In November 2023, an alliance task force consisting of experts from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Development Programme was established. The task force began its work by reviewing the governance structures and operationalization of similar alliances and partnerships, such as the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, the UNEP-WHO Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and the FAO Global Soil Partnership.
5. Building on that review, FAO prepared a draft document on modalities for the establishment of the alliance in May 2024 and distributed it to the other three United Nations entities for comments and guidance. In addition, a proposed operational framework, contained in document UNEP/GFC/OEWG.1/INF/14, has been drafted in order to better map the structure of and responsibilities under the alliance.
6. With regard to the proposed operational framework, wider consultation with interested stakeholders is expected. Currently it is expected that the alliance will be established in 2025 and officially launched in 2026.

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III. Proposed action

7. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to:

- (a) *Acknowledge* the work under way to establish the global alliance on highly hazardous pesticides;
- (b) *Invite* all interested stakeholders to actively contribute to the further development of the proposed operational framework as contained in document UNEP/GFC/OEWG.1/INF/14.
