

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

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**Open-ended Working Group of the  
Global Framework on Chemicals – for a  
Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste  
First meeting**  
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Item 6 of the provisional agenda\*

**Preparations for the first session of the International  
Conference of the Global Framework on Chemicals**

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**Note by the secretariat**

### **I. Introduction**

1. At its fifth session, held in Bonn, Germany, in September 2023, the International Conference on Chemicals Management agreed, in section X of the Global Framework on Chemicals – for a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, on institutional arrangements for the Framework.
2. According to section X, the International Conference of the Global Framework on Chemicals will meet every third year, unless it decides otherwise. When appropriate, those sessions should be held back to back with meetings of the governing bodies of relevant intergovernmental organizations in order to enhance synergies and cost-effectiveness.

### **II. Activities to implement the Framework**

3. The first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Global Framework on Chemicals will be held back to back with the resumed third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution. Such arrangements maximize efficiency in the use of resources, including through savings on travel and other services.
4. At the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management, the Conference was informed of the convening of the first session of the International Conference of the Global Framework on Chemicals in the fourth quarter of 2026, subject to the availability of resources.
5. The secretariat has made tentative bookings for the meeting at United Nations headquarters locations pending any offers to host the first session of the Conference.
6. The outcomes of the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group will inform preparations for the first session of the Conference.

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### **III. Proposed action**

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

(a) *Invite* all stakeholders to continue to carry out activities to implement the Global Framework on Chemicals in the intersessional period, with a view to preparing for a successful first session of the International Conference of the Global Framework on Chemicals;

(b) *Invite* offers to host the first session of the Conference;

(c) *Reiterate* its call to all Governments and other stakeholders to provide resources and other contributions to facilitate the convening of the Conference.

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