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List of relevant background documents

Note by the secretariat

The following is an updated list of background documents, with web site references, that may be of interest to participants as they prepare for the second session of the Preparatory Committee. It is by no means an exhaustive list but offers a selection of some of the more significant recent agreements and publications in the field of international chemicals management. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) publication entitled *International Activities Relating to Chemicals* provides a more comprehensive overview of agreements and programmes.

Conventions

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (web site: <http://www.basel.int/>)

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
(web site: <http://www.unep.org/ozone/montreal.shtml>)

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (web site: <http://www.pic.int/>)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (web site: <http://www.pops.int/>)

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

International code of conduct on the distribution and use of pesticides (revised November 2002)
(web site: <http://www.fao.org/WAICENT/FAOINFO/AGRICULT/AGP/AGPP/Pesticid/Default.htm>)

Prevention and disposal of obsolete and banned pesticide stocks and POPs (web site)
<http://www.fao.org/WAICENT/FAOINFO/AGRICULT/AGP/AGPP/Pesticid/Disposal/default.htm>)

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Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety

All documents can be found on the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety (IFCS) web site (www.ifcs.ch); most are available in all United Nations languages.

- Resolution establishing IFCS (1994)
- Forum III - October 2000
- Working paper: Priorities for action Beyond 2000 (IFCS/Forum III/09w)
- Final report (IFCSFORUM III/ 23w): selected sections
 - Bahia Declaration
 - Priorities for action Beyond 2000 (annex 6)
 - IFCS terms of reference (*Revised*) (annex 1)
 - The role of the President (annex 2)
 - Forum Standing Committee terms of reference (annex 5).
- President's progress report (2003)
- Forum IV - November 2003
- Final report (ICS/FORUM IV/16w): Selected sections
 - Executive summary - Forum IV agreed action items and recommendations
 - Regional roles and responsibilities for vice-presidents (annex 8)
 - Guidelines for national focal points (annex 9)
- Forum IV thought starter report to SAICM PrepCom1 (IFCS/FORUM IV/13w Rev2)

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

Environmental outlook for the chemicals industry (2001) web site:

http://www.oecd.org/document/21/0,2340,en_2649_34365_1862357_1_1_1_1,00.html)

United Nations Division for Sustainable Development

Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 3-14 June 1992): Agenda 21. Note chapter 19 - Environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals, including prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products (web site: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/documents/agenda21/index.htm>)

Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1), chapter I, resolution 2, annex: Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development). Note key sections: III. Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, paragraph 23; VIII. Sustainable development for Africa, paragraph 68.
(web site: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/documents/WSSD_POI_PD/English/POIToc.htm)

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (and partner organizations for the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, such as the International Labour Organization, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research)

Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (2002)
(web site: <http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs.html>)

United Nations Environment Programme

Clustering of chemicals/wastes multilateral environment agreements: Issues paper (UNEP/IGM/4/INF/1) provided to the fourth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Ministers or their Representatives on International Environmental Governance, Montreal, Canada, 30 November-1 December 2001 (web site: http://www.unep.org/IEG/Monday%2019%20November/advance_INF1_chem_waste_cluster.doc)

International activities relating to chemicals (2001 – updated edition forthcoming)
(web site: <http://www.chem.unep.ch/publications.htm>)

International environmental governance: Report of the Executive Director to the Global Ministerial Environment Forum (UNEP/GCSS.VII/2), seventh special session of UNEP Governing Council, Cartagena, 13-15 February 2002 (web site: http://www.unep.org/governingbodies/gc/specialsessions/gcss_vii/Documents/K0200009.doc)

Global mercury assessment (2002) and mercury programme
(web site: <http://www.chem.unep.ch/mercury/default.htm>)

UNEP Governing Council decisions and other SAICM background documents
(web site: <http://www.chem.unep.ch/saicm/>)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Except where noted, all documents may be accessed at: www.unitar.org/cwm/publications/index.htm. Many are available in several languages.

- Developing and sustaining an integrated national programme for sound chemicals management, guidance document (2004)
- Searching for synergies: linking waste management to an integrated national programme for sound chemicals management, guidance note (2004)
- Preparing a national profile to assess the national infrastructure for management of chemicals: a guidance document (1996)
- Preparing/updating a national profile as part of a Stockholm Convention national implementation plan, companion guidance note - working draft (2003)
- Developing and implementing a national chemical hazard communication and GHS action plan - guidance document, working draft (2001)
- Preparing a national chemical hazard communication situation analysis, working draft (2001)
- WSSD Global Partnership for Capacity Building to Implement the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), first meeting of Partners, 10 July 2003: Report of the meeting
- Implementing a national PRTR design project (1997)
- Thematic workshop on synergies for capacity building under international agreements addressing chemicals and waste management, 30 March - 2 April 2004 (web site: www.unitar.org/cwm/c/tw/ws8/index.htm)

World Bank

Toxics and poverty (2002) (web site: [http://lnweb18.worldbank.org/ESSD/envext.nsf/50ByDocName/ToxicsandPovertyTheImpactofToxicSubstancesOnthePoorinDevelopingCountries/\\$FILE/TOXICS+text+9.17-w.pdf](http://lnweb18.worldbank.org/ESSD/envext.nsf/50ByDocName/ToxicsandPovertyTheImpactofToxicSubstancesOnthePoorinDevelopingCountries/$FILE/TOXICS+text+9.17-w.pdf))

The global pursuit of the sound management of chemicals (2004)
(web site: <http://lnweb18.worldbank.org/ESSD/envext.nsf/50ByDocName/PersistentOrganicPollutants>)