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Our Ref: Silent procedure - Secretariat of the Global Framework on Chemicals  
For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste

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Dear Focal Points,

You will recall that in September 2023, the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session (ICCM5) decided, in its resolution on financial considerations, to establish a Global Framework on Chemicals Fund for supporting the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste.

It further decided to establish the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund Executive Board, consisting of two national Government representatives of each United Nations region and representatives of all the bilateral and multilateral donors and other contributors to the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund.

ICCM5 also decided that, at each session of the International Conference, two national Government representatives of each United Nations region will be appointed to the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund Executive Board for the following intersessional period.

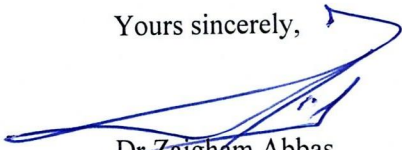
Considering that there was insufficient time to hold an election at ICCM5 for the Executive Board, it is important to identify a solution to support the operationalization of the Fund and the initiation of the disbursement of funds, until a decision can be taken by the first International Conference that is scheduled to take place in 2026.

To that end, as the President of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, and after consultation with the Bureau and the Secretariat, I am submitting the attached draft decision for your review that acknowledges the proposed way forward on the composition of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund Executive Board until the first International Conference to take place in 2026. The proposed solution mirrors, in essence, the provisions of ICCM resolution V/3 on financial considerations

Recalling Rule 16.4 of the Rules of Procedure that “the President, in the exercise of his or her functions, remains at all times under the authority of the Conference”, I am placing the attached draft decision under a silent procedure.

Stakeholders wishing to comment can do so through their Bureau members. In the absence of any formal objection by the national focal points communicated to the President, the decision shall be considered as adopted effective 13 February 2024 and I will circulate a letter confirming its adoption.

Yours sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT

**Draft decision 1: Ad interim composition of the Executive Board of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund**

*The International Conference,*

*Recalling* the adoption of the resolution V/3 on financial considerations at the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session (ICCM5),

*Recalling* that resolution V/3 decided to establish the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund for supporting the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, building on the outcomes of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management;

*Recalling* that resolution V/3 also decided to establish the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund Executive Board, , consisting of two national Government representatives of each United Nations region and representatives of all the bilateral and multilateral donors and other contributors to the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund,

*Recalling* that there was insufficient time to hold an election at ICCM5 for the Government representatives to the Executive Board,.

*Recognizing* that an interim solution is needed to operationalize the fund through the election of Government representatives to the Executive Board, and ensure the continuation of activities mandated at ICCM5 until there can be an election for the Government representatives at the first International Conference that is scheduled to take place in 2026,

*Recognizing* that the President, in the exercise of his functions, remains at all times under the authority of the International Conference,

1. *Decides* that until the first International Conference in 2026, the national Government representatives to the Executive Board shall be the elected President and four Vice-Presidents of the current Bureau, as well as the regional focal points of the expanded Bureau.
2. *Requests* the Secretariat to compile a list of all bilateral and multilateral donors and other contributors to the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund and invite their representatives to attend the meetings of the Executive Board;
3. *Decides* that the Executive Board would be expected to adopt its ad interim Terms of Reference at its first meeting;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat to develop, in consultation with the members of the Executive Board, the provisional agenda and related documents for the first meeting of the Executive Board as well as propose its time and date.