

法的・技術的事項公開作業グループ会合について

第2回国際化学物質管理会議(以下、「ICCM2」という。)の準備会合として、法的・技術的公開作業グループ(以下、「OELTWG」という。)の開催が予定されている。

1. 日時及び開催場所

2008年10月22-24日、ローマ(FAO)にて開催される予定(また、10月21日には、地域会合の開催も示唆されている)。注:PIC条約締約国会議の前週。

2. 主な議題案

現在、呈示されている議題案は以下の通り。

① ICCM2 の Rules of Procedure

ICCM2 における Rules of Procedure について予め議論。

② ICCM2 における主要な議題についての事前検討

資金・技術リソース、SAICM 改訂の可能性、喫緊の政治的課題、実施状況報告の手法、IFCS との関係など、ICCM2 における主要議題について予め議論。

「事務局の友人」として事務局及び地域フォーカルポイント等の中で電話会議が開催され、検討が進められているが、会合開催経費が不足しているため、参加者支援(参加途上国すべてに支援するか、各地域数名を支援するか)、使用言語(UN6言語か、英語のみか)についての合意がなされておらず、最終案を得るに至っていない。

議題案が合意されていないため、招待状には議題案が添付されていないが、電話会議で提示された議題案を別添2に示す。

①の議題については必ず議論される予定。②の議題については開催費用の不足から議題とすることは困難との意見もあるが、他方、②の議題を扱わない場合、ICCM2 の準備が不十分になるとの意見もある。

なお、②の議題が正式に取り上げられなくても、非公式に参加者間で ICCM2 に向けた実質議論がなされるとの見方もある。

3. 参加者

各国代表だけでなく、関係者に広くオープンとなっている。参加希望者は8月31日までに登録することが求められている。

31 July 2008

Subject: First meeting of the Open-ended Legal and Technical Working Group, Rome, Italy, 21 to 24 October 2008

«Salutation»,

I have the honour to refer to the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), as adopted by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its first session, held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 4 to 6 February 2006. The Conference agreed that the groundwork for the second session on the issue of rules of procedure would be carried out by an Open-ended Legal and Technical Working Group, which would meet a few months prior to the second session of the Conference. Subsequent consultations with stakeholders have determined that it would be useful for the Working Group to consider a number of additional issues in preparation for the second session of the Conference.

The first meeting of the Open-ended Legal and Technical Working Group will be held from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 October 2008, in Rome, Italy, at the headquarters of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. The working languages for the session will be Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The session will be opened on Tuesday 21 October at 10 a.m. Registration will take place on Tuesday 21 October from 8 a.m. and will continue throughout the remainder of the week, according to a schedule to be made available. Provision will also be made for informal regional and other group meetings at 9 a.m. on Tuesday 21 October.

I have the honour to invite you to designate, using the attached nomination form, a representative of your Government to participate in the first meeting of the Open-ended Legal and Technical Working Group. **A completed nomination form for each participant should be forwarded to the SAICM secretariat at the address below not later than 31 August 2008.**

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*SAICM National Focal Point
(or Permanent Representative, Geneva, in cases where no National Focal Point has been established)*

A limited number of Governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition from each region may each nominate one person to receive financial support for travel and daily subsistence in order to participate in the meeting. As a first step, the identification of Governments from each region to receive the travel funding will be coordinated by SAICM regional focal points in consultation with national focal points. Once the eligible Governments have been identified, **the country's official SAICM national focal point or, in cases where a focal point has not been established, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, should nominate the individual to receive the travel funding.** Lists of SAICM regional and national focal points are available on the SAICM web site, www.saicm.org.

In order to prepare for discussions on financial matters and emerging issues at the meeting, stakeholders are invited to complete the attached questionnaires and return them to the secretariat at the above address by 31 August 2008. The questionnaires were previously posted on the SAICM web site and advertised by e-mail to national focal points in June 2008.

The meeting of the SAICM Open-ended Legal and Technical Working Group will immediately precede the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, which will be held in Rome at the same venue from 27 to 31 October 2008. In cases where a Government's official representative funded by the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention to attend the meeting of the Conference of the Parties is also the SAICM national focal point, the Government concerned will be expected to designate that person as its nominee for funded participation in the SAICM Open-ended Legal and Technical Working Group.

For further information, please contact Mr. Muhammed Omotola of the SAICM secretariat on telephone (41 22) 917 83 34; fax (41 22) 797 34 60; or e-mail saicm@chemicals.unep.ch, or consult the web site www.saicm.org.

I look forward to your Government's participation in the meeting.

(Signed)

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**Open-ended Legal and Technical Working Group
of the International Conference on Chemicals Management**

First meeting

Rome, 22–24 October 2008

Agenda item 2 (b)

Adoption of the agenda

Draft annotated provisional agenda

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The first meeting of the Open-ended Legal and Technical Working Group of the International Conference on Chemicals Management will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 21 October 2008, at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, Italy. The meeting will be preceded by regional consultations at the same venue from 9.00 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Tuesday 21 October 2008.
2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2. Organizational matters

3. In the absence of rules of procedure for the International Conference on Chemicals Management and its subsidiary bodies, the Working Group may wish to agree to use the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee for the Development of a Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, *mutatis mutandis*, to govern the conduct of its work at its first meeting. The rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee are reproduced in document SAICM/OELTWG.1/2.
4. Bearing in mind that the task specifically requested of the Working Group by the Conference, at its first session, was to carry out the groundwork on the issue of rules of procedure for the Conference in advance of its second session, the Working Group may wish to accord priority to this matter when allocating plenary time during its present meeting.
 - (a) **Election of officers**
 5. In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee relating to subsidiary bodies, the Working Group may wish to elect a chair and up to two vice-chairs. Alternatively, the Working Group may wish to decide upon some other formula for the election of officers and to proceed accordingly.
 6. Upon election, the Chair will preside in accordance with the rules of procedure agreed by the Working Group.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

7. The Working Group may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document SAICM/OELTWG.1/1.

(c) Organization of work

8. The Working Group may wish to meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. each day, subject to adjustments as necessary.

Item 3. Preparation of the rules of procedure of the International Conference on Chemicals Management and its subsidiary bodies

9. The Working Group will have before it a note by the secretariat (SAICM/OELTWG.1/2) recalling the agreement reached by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its first session that the groundwork for its second session on the issue of rules of procedure would be carried out by an open-ended legal and technical working group, describing the multi-stakeholder character and other key features of the Strategic Approach that may be relevant for the discussion on rules of procedure, and setting out a number of issues that have been highlighted by stakeholders as likely to require discussion. In the light of recommendations made by various regional groups at their intersessional meetings, the Working Group may wish to consider using the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee, set out in the annex to the note by the secretariat, as a possible basis for the rules of procedure for the Conference.

10. The Overarching Policy Strategy, in paragraph 27, provides that Conference should have a bureau with functions in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference. The Working Group will have before it a document prepared by the secretariat (SAICM/OELTWG.1/3) concerning the structure and functions of the bureaus of other relevant entities, which participants in the present meeting may wish to take into account when developing the rules of procedure for the Conference.

11. The Working Group may wish to discuss options for rules of procedure with a view to presenting draft rules for consideration by the Conference at its second session, which will be held in Geneva from 11 to 15 May 2009. If necessary, the Working Group may wish to consider establishing a legal drafting group to assist in the transformation of concepts expressed during plenary sessions of the Working Group into legal text suitable for the draft rules of procedure.

Item 4. Preparatory discussions on other issues to be considered by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its second session

(a) Emerging policy issues

12. In order to prepare for the second session of the Conference, the secretariat, in consultation with the informal planning group, invited stakeholders to make submissions by 31 August 2008 with regard to emerging policy issues which they proposed for discussion by the Conference. The Working Group will have before it a note by the secretariat (SAICM/OELTWG.1/3) compiling the submissions received. The Working Group may wish to have a preliminary discussion on the issues, bearing in mind the function of the Conference to focus attention and call for appropriate action on emerging policy issues as they arise and to forge consensus on priorities for cooperative action. In the event that a larger number of issues is proposed for discussion by the Conference than could reasonably be handled at its second session, the Working Group may wish to prioritize them. The Working Group may also wish to discuss, among other things, the modalities for presenting the emerging policy issues for consideration by the Conference; the possible elaboration of a definition of emerging policy issues; the possible types of recommendations for cooperative action that the Conference might wish to consider; and the possible need to establish procedures or bodies to handle emerging issues in the future.

(b) Modalities for reporting on implementation of the Strategic Approach

13. In order to assist preparations for the second session of the Conference, the Government of Canada sponsored a project to develop, in consultation with an international steering committee, modalities for reporting on implementation of the Strategic Approach. Under the project, draft indicators were developed for reporting by Government, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and industry. A "baseline report" was also prepared. The secretariat subsequently facilitated the pilot testing of the draft indicators by a number of stakeholders and prepared an analysis of this experience. The Working Group will have before it a summary of the

reporting project outcomes, including a synopsis of the proposed indicators and an analytical summary of the experience of stakeholders in the pilot tests (SAICM/OELTWG.1/6); together with copies, in English only, of the full draft indicators (SAICM/OELTWG.1/INF/5); a compilation of submissions by stakeholders who pilot tested the draft indicators (SAICM/OELTWG.1/INF/5/Add.1); and the baseline report (SAICM/OELTWG.1/INF/6). The Working Group may wish to have a preliminary discussion on the modalities for reporting developed under the Canadian-sponsored project in order to prepare for their consideration at the second session of the Conference. The Working Group may wish to determine whether the draft indicators would be a good basis on which the Conference could develop official reporting indicators. If necessary, the Working Group may wish to recommend further work on the draft indicators in advance of the second session of the Conference, bearing in mind resource and time constraints.

(c) Financial and technical resources for implementation of SAICM, including evaluation of the performance of the financing of SAICM

14. The functions of the Conference include ensuring that the necessary financial and technical resources are available for implementation of the Strategic Approach and evaluating the performance of financing the Strategic Approach. In order to prepare for the second session of the Conference, the secretariat, in consultation with the informal planning group, invited stakeholders to make submissions by 31 August 2008 with regard to performance of the financial arrangements for the Strategic Approach. The Working Group will have before it a note by the secretariat containing an analytical summary of the submissions received (SAICM/OELTWG.1/5) together with a compilation of the submissions (SAICM/OELTWG.1/INF/3). In addition, the Working Group will have before it a document presenting a summary of discussions at regional group meetings and positions adopted by other relevant bodies, since the first session of the Conference with regard to financial considerations (SAICM/OELWTG.1/INF/4). In preparation for the second session of the Conference, the Working Group may wish to have a preliminary discussion on financial considerations and to make any pertinent recommendations for consideration by the Conference.

(d) Review and update of the Strategic Approach

(i) Evaluation of implementation of the Strategic Approach and possible strategic decisions to ensure effective implementation in the future

15. One of the functions of the Conference is to evaluate the implementation of the Strategic Approach with a view to reviewing progress against its 2020 target and taking strategic decisions, programming, prioritizing and updating the Approach as necessary. The Working Group may wish to make recommendations as to how the Conference should undertake the above evaluation and identify any actions which it concludes the Conference should consider taking, including in relation to the proposal presented under agenda item 4 (d) (ii) below.

(ii) A process for the possible addition of new activities to the Global Plan of Action

16. The Working Group will have before it a proposal for a process for the possible addition of new activities to the Global Plan of Action of the Strategic Approach (document SAICM/OELTWG.1/7). The Working Group may wish to review the proposal and make recommendations for action by the Conference at its second session.

(e) The relationship of the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety to the Strategic Approach

17. The Working Group will have before it a document conveying the outcome of the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety, which will have been held in Dakar from 15 to 19 September 2008, with regard to the future of the Forum (SAICM/OELTWG.1/8). The Working Group may wish to consider the implications, if any, concerning the relationship of the Forum to the Strategic Approach and to the International Conference on Chemicals Management, and to make recommendations to the Conference, as appropriate.

Item 5. Organization of the second session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management

17. The Working Group will have before it a note by the secretariat on organization of the second session of the Conference, including a copy of the draft provisional agenda, annotated provisional agenda and programme, and a summary of proposed arrangements for regional meetings prior to the session, the high-level segment and side events (SAICM/OELTWG.1/INF/7). The Working Group may wish to review the documentation and make any recommendations for the finalization of arrangements for the second session of the Conference.

Item 6. Other matters

18. The Working Group may wish to consider other matters raised by participants in the course of the meeting.

Item 7. Adoption of the report of the meeting

19. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Rapporteur. At its final session, on the afternoon of Friday, 24 October, the Working Group will be invited to consider the text of the report reflecting the discussions in the plenary sessions of the meeting through Thursday, 23 October. The Working Group may wish to adopt the report, with any amendments it may wish to make, on the understanding that, in keeping with the practice followed by the Preparatory Committee and the Conference, the text of the report pertaining to the Friday sessions of the meeting will be prepared by the Rapporteur, in cooperation with the secretariat, and incorporated in the report under the authority of the Chair of the Working Group. The final report of the meeting would then be circulated after the closure of the meeting.

Item 8. Closure of the meeting

20. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the Chair of the Working Group by 6.00 p.m. on Friday, 24 October 2008.
