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**Progress report on the implementation of Governing Council
decision SS.XI/8 on the consultative process on financing
options for chemicals and wastes**

Report of the Executive Director

Addendum

**Outcome of the third meeting in the consultative process on
financing options on chemical and wastes**

Summary

The present addendum summarizes the outcome of the third meeting in the consultative process on financing options on chemicals and wastes, which was held in Pretoria, South Africa, on 10 and 11 January 2011.

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1. The third meeting in the consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes, a process described in more detail in document UNEP/GC.26/11, took place in Pretoria, South Africa, on 10 and 11 January 2011. It was co-chaired by the representatives of the Governments of Norway and South Africa and saw the participation of representatives of 30 Governments, multilateral environmental agreement secretariats, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and the private sector.
2. The participants welcomed the secretariat's endeavours to implement decision GCSS.XI/8 and commended it on its efforts to organize and prepare the meeting.
3. Participants reiterated the importance and value of the consultative process, noting in particular that 2011 and 2012 presented a unique opportunity for advancing the discussions on financing options for chemicals and hazardous wastes, given the large number of intergovernmental meetings taking place and the conclusion of other relevant processes during that period.
4. Participants focused their discussions on the following four financing tracks, for the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes:
 - (a) Mainstreaming sound management of chemicals and wastes into other sectors of the development agenda;
 - (b) Public-private partnerships, including the use of economic instruments at the national and international levels;
 - (c) A new trust fund similar to the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol;
 - (d) Establishing a new safe chemicals and wastes management focal area, or expanding the existing persistent organic pollutants focal area, under the Global Environment Facility (GEF).
5. Following thorough consideration of the four tracks based on background documents and participants' contributions, participants observed that the four tracks were complementary elements that would assist in securing adequate financing for the chemicals and wastes areas. Those elements could therefore be viewed as constituent parts of an integrated approach to the financing agenda.
6. Participants said that, to attain the overall goal of the process, there was a need further to discuss and analyse the four elements. As a result of the discussions, the elements were refined into the following:
 - (a) Mainstreaming of sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes;
 - (b) Industry involvement, including public-private partnerships and the use of economic instruments at the national and international levels;
 - (c) A new trust fund similar to the Multilateral Fund;
 - (d) Establishing safe chemicals and wastes management as a new focal area, expanding the existing persistent organic pollutants focal area under GEF or establishing a new trust fund under GEF.
7. With the aim of developing the elements at subsequent meetings in the consultative process and thus achieving a final outcome, participants said that there was a need for a comparative analysis of the elements to determine each element's role in contributing to an integrated approach to securing adequate financing for the chemicals and wastes area.
8. Participants also said that there was a need for, and requested the secretariat to undertake, further analysis of the elements based on the discussions at the meeting, suggesting that such an analysis should spell out the complementarity of the elements and areas for possible further streamlining and integration. They recognized that each of the conventions and instruments related to chemicals and hazardous wastes faced challenges and committed themselves to working towards developing recommendations to tackle those challenges effectively.
9. Participants requested the secretariat to provide further supporting material, working in close cooperation with the secretariats of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, in addition to other key stakeholders such as GEF and the Multilateral Fund.

10. The secretariat was also requested to provide:

- (a) Further analysis of the GEF track in respect of the global benefits of the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes;
- (b) Further analysis of the track on a new trust fund similar to the Multilateral Fund, including various possible operating structures;
- (c) Further analysis of the role of industry, including at the national level, in financing the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes. The analysis was to include consideration of the linkages to regulatory frameworks and the role of industry and public authorities;
- (d) Further analysis of the challenges, practical value, lessons learned and best practices related to mainstreaming the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes in other sectors of the development agenda, including a compendium of positive mainstreaming examples at the national level;
- (e) Analysis of the effectiveness of relevant United Nations strategic coordination processes at the national level, such as United Nations development assistance frameworks, and other relevant activities and stakeholders, such as the United Nations Development Group, the partnership initiative between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Poverty-Environment Initiative of UNDP and UNEP and the Health and Environment Linkages Initiative administered jointly by UNEP and the World Health Organization.

11. In line with decision GCSS.XI/8, by which the Governing Council requested the Executive Director of UNEP to provide a final report on the consultative process for consideration by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twelfth special session, in 2012, and with the aim of achieving possible decisions at the third session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management, in 2012, and at the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council, in 2013, the participants recommended the following next steps:

- (a) *May 2011*: Fourth meeting in the consultative process, to be held in the margins of or in parallel with the nineteenth session of the Committee on Sustainable Development, in New York from 2 to 13 May 2011;
- (b) *October 2011*: Fifth meeting in the consultative process, to be held back-to-back with the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, in Cartagena, Colombia, from 17 to 21 October 2011;
- (c) *November 2011*: Submission by the secretariat, through the Executive Director of UNEP, of the final outcome of the process for consideration by the Governing Council at its twelfth special session;
- (d) *February 2012*: Consideration of the final report on the consultative process by the Governing Council at its twelfth special session;
- (e) *May/July 2012*: Sixth meeting in the consultative process, to be held in the margins of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to prepare information or recommendations for consideration by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its third session and by the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session;
- (f) *2012*: Consideration by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its third session of a possible draft decision on financing tracks for the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes;
- (g) *February 2013*: Consideration by the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session of a possible draft decision on financing tracks for the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes.

12. Lastly, the participants reiterated their request to the Executive Director to report on the progress made and the direction of the consultative process to relevant intergovernmental processes in 2011 and 2012, including to the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions at their meetings in 2011; to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its nineteenth session, in 2011; to participants in the preparatory meetings for the third session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management; and to the governing bodies of GEF with the aim of providing a final report for consideration by the Governing Council at its twelfth special session, in 2012, and of achieving possible decisions at the third session of the International

Conference on Chemicals Management, in 2012, and at the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council, in 2013.

13. In addition, participants requested the Executive Director also to report to the intergovernmental negotiating committee to prepare a global legally binding instrument on mercury on the progress of the consultative process. Accordingly, a report was made at the committee's second session.

14. The Pretoria Road Map, the key outcome of the meeting, reflects participants' common understanding, but it is not negotiated text. A full description of the deliberations can be found in the report of the meeting (UNEP/FOCW/3/1). The Road Map will be made available in the annex to that report and on the website www.unep.org/delc.
