

Thank you Mr President

Business and Industry is committed to advancing the chemicals and waste agenda.

We believe SAICM is the best framework for achieving the 2020 goal for sound management of chemicals globally, being an inclusive multi-stakeholder process.

SAICM has made important progress, although all stakeholders recognize that there is more to be done. The International Chemicals Association, ICCA, supports the strengthening of SAICM to enable it to achieve its mandate, including through the provision of adequate financing.

Examples of industry contributions to SAICM include Responsible Care Global Charter and Global Product Strategy. Other examples of contributions are through partnerships between companies and governments as well as industry partnerships within value chains sharing best practices to promote safe handling of chemicals. Significant investments in research are also made and we voluntarily make information publically available free of charge which is needed for the safe handling of chemicals.

ICCA welcomes the integrated approach proposed by the Consultative Process for Financing Options and stresses the importance of investments and in-kind contributions of industry to implement SAICM which are significant.

We note with interest the proposal to launch a process for advancing the integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and wastes and stresses the importance of future financing of SAICM.

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