



CIEL / IPEN Intervention on the Special Program and Integrated Approach
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I am speaking on behalf of the Center for International Environmental Law, a Participating Organization of IPEN. Thanks for reports and information. While recognizing the value of the special program, it is important to highlight that the special program has limitations (including the exclusion of non-states actors) that makes it inadequate as the only financing mechanism for the financing of the sound management of chemicals and waste, including but not limited to the implementation of the BRS conventions.

This very question of the full and adequate financing of the sound management of chemicals was the reason for the development of the integrated approach. However, as shown by the evaluation of the implementation of the integrated approach presented at UNEA, its implementation is severely lacking, in particular with regards to the second pillar of the integrated approach: industry participation to the financing of the sound management of chemicals. One of the key aspects of implementation of this second pillar, as emphasized by a number of government speakers, is the use of economic instruments for the recovery of costs related to the management and impacts of chemicals. However, distinguishing between what can effectively be implemented at a national level, and what requires an international approach is a major challenge in this respect.

A few weeks ago, the OEWG of SAICM called on the SAICM Secretariat to prepare a report to identify the successful examples of such national implementations of economic cost recovery mechanisms, with a view to foster the development of adequate tools at all levels, both national and international, to ensure the just participation of the private sector to the financing of the sound management of chemicals and waste. We would like to call on the BRS Secretariat to engage and support the SAICM Secretariat in the development of this report.