



a toxics-free future

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IPEN Intervention on the Enabling Framework

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Thank you, Madam President.

IPEN thanks the Co-Chairs for preparing the paper which can be a basis for further discussion on SAICM 2.0 and the enabling framework together.

The enabling framework should include all chemicals-related multilateral agreements, including SAICM 2.0, under one high-level umbrella, respecting the legal autonomy of each agreement.

The key features of the enabling framework should include:

- Greater coherence among objectives, implementation, and reporting;
- High-level political ownership and visibility;
- Full implementation of the chemical safety contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals; and
- Links to funded obligatory national action plans for agreements in the framework.

Funding is critical to success. New and additional, adequate, sustainable and predictable finances to address chemicals and waste issues is, therefore, important. This includes producer pays and Extended Producer Responsibility, to internalize the true cost for the sound management of chemicals and waste.

It should also be open and inclusive, with transparent multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder participation.

OEWG3 should recommend holding a multi-sectoral ministerial meeting during, or back to back with, ICCM5 and produce a ministerial declaration that endorses elements of the enabling framework.

OEWG3 should also recommend transmitting the ministerial declaration to the UN General Assembly for a resolution that also requests UN agencies and multilateral environmental agreements to participate and commit to the enabling framework within their respective mandates.

Thank you, Madam President.