

Excerpt from Decision 25/5 on Chemicals management (from UNEP/GC.25/17):

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Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

1. *Welcomes* the progress made to date in implementing the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management;
2. *Also welcomes* the important contributions of the United Nations Environment Programme to the implementation of the Strategic Approach process and in particular the efforts to integrate sound management of chemicals into development planning processes for developing countries and countries with economies in transition and the assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition in preparing proposals for the Quick Start Programme and their subsequent implementation;
3. *Requests* the Executive Director to strengthen support for implementation of the Strategic Approach and its Secretariat and facilitate more robust efforts in developing countries and countries with economies in transition to ensure the sound management of chemicals, in particular by ensuring that projects and programmes discussed under the Quick Start Programme are processed and implemented in an expeditious manner;
4. *Underlines* the importance of the multi-stakeholder, cross-sectoral and voluntary nature of the Strategic Approach;
5. *Also underlines* the importance of the continuing cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and other participating organizations and observers of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals;
6. *Encourages* the United Nations Environment Programme to play a leading role in assisting the implementation of the Strategic Approach while noting that the important roles of the International Conference on Chemicals Management are set out in paragraph 24 of the Overarching Policy Strategy of the Strategic Approach;
7. *Notes* that the International Conference on Chemicals Management will discuss ways to promote further progress in implementation of the Strategic Approach and approaches for the mid-term and long-term financing of the Strategic Approach;
8. *Urges* Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and others in a position to do so to contribute financially and in kind to implementation of the Strategic Approach, including through the Quick Start Programme, the Secretariat and the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme;