**II/6: Establishment of an open-ended working group**

*The Conference*,

*Recognizing* the need to ensure the comprehensive and effective preparation of the sessions of the International Conference on Chemicals Management,

1. *Establishes* an open-ended working group as a subsidiary body subject to confirmation at the third session of the Conference;
2. *Decides* that the Open-ended Working Group shall consider the implementation, development and enhancement of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, including by:
3. Reviewing and prioritizing proposals for emerging policy issues in preparation of the next session of the Conference;
4. Continuing discussion on work on emerging policy issues;
5. Considering proposals for the inclusion of new activities in the Global Plan of Action;
6. Considering initiatives that are being undertaken and addressing progress and gaps in achieving the goal that, by 2020, chemicals are used and produced in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment;
7. Considering the outcomes of regional meetings;
8. Identifying priority issues for consideration for inclusion in the agendas of the sessions of the Conference;
9. Undertaking such other activities as the Conference may direct;
10. *Also decides* that the Open-ended Working Group may prepare draft decisions or resolutions for possible adoption by the Conference;
11. *Further decides* that the Open-ended Working Group shall meet once, in the year prior to the sessions of the Conference, if possible back to back with other related meetings;
12. *Reaffirms* the importance of full and effective participation by developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the Open-ended Working Group and urges those in a position to do so to make contributions to defray the travel costs of eligible participants;
13. *Decides* that the Bureau of the Conference shall serve as the Bureau of the Open-ended Working Group.