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Second meeting of the Bureau of the
Global Framework on Chemicals –
For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste
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Item 4 (g) of the provisional agenda[1]
Implementation of the Framework and ICCM5 Resolutions. Next steps

Date and venue of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) and first Conference of the Global Framework for Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste

Note by the secretariat

1. The International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session (ICCM5) decided, in its resolution on the programme of work and budget, that the next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) for the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste should be organized in 2025.

2. In line with the text of the Framework, the Conference will meet every third year, unless it decides otherwise. Therefore, the first meeting will take place in 2026.

3. As of today, no offer to host the OEWG or the Conference has been received by the secretariat.

4. The past practice for holding meetings of the OEWG and the Conference has been to invite offers from governments to host such meetings. Where possible consideration should be given to hold meetings back-to-back with other meetings of intergovernmental organisations.

5. The Bureau had also been entrusted to decide on the date and venue of the OEWG and the Conference meetings.

6. The secretariat has tentatively arranged for the OEWG meeting to be held at the UN Gigiri Compound in Nairobi, Kenya, from Saturday 21st June to Friday 27th June 2025, pending the reception of an offer to host the meeting.

7. It is proposed that the Bureau agree on the following way forward.

Next steps

8. It is proposed to:

   a. Request the secretariat to prepare a letter from the President of the Bureau inviting the transmission of offers from governments by 30 June 2024, regarding the hosting of the OEWG meeting and/or the Conference;

   b. Request the secretariat, to update the Bureau at its next meetings, on the status of the transmission of offers.

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