Implementation arrangements:

- Thank you, Madam co-chair
- Switzerland warmly thanks UNEP, in particular the Secretariat of the Global Framework on Chemicals, as well as the IOMC-organisations, for their continued efforts over the past year and a half to support the implementation of the Framework and to develop concrete activities in this regard.
- In particular, the implementation programmes represent a unique and potentially powerful instrument of the Framework. We commend the progress made during the two workshops — in Paris last February and here in Punta del Este over the past two days.
- We are convinced that the development of the implementation programmes should continue, with a view to their adoption at the first international conference in 2026.
- This is why we need, together, to provide the IOMC with the means to respond effectively to the invitation we extended to them in resolution V/8.
- Switzerland has made a financial contribution to the IOMC for their work developing the Implementations programmes and we would like to invite every country and stakeholder in a position to do so to support this important work.
- We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all stakeholders who have voiced their support for the Framework and have taken steps toward its implementation.
- The adoption of the GFC was a major milestone. It is within this framework — and together, across sectors and across public and private spheres — that we can truly achieve a world free of harm from chemicals and waste. Let us not allow this instrument to fade into inaction. Let us work to ensure its full and effective implementation.
- Implementation of the GFC, in particular the Implementation programmes deserve our full attention and we support continuing this discussion in greater depth within a contact group.
- Thank you.

GFC Fund

- Thank you, Mister Co-chair.
- This first year of work for the fund, and in particular the first round of applications, has been highly instructive.
- We would like to sincerely thank the Secretariat for their commitment in the face of an extremely heavy workload. We also extend our gratitude to members of the Executive Board for their work.
- This first year of experience has highlighted a number of challenges in the functioning of the Fund, particularly in relation to its terms of reference.
- Specifically, the way the Executive Board can work as well as the possibility to support work from the IOMC should be considered.
- The first international conference will be invited to review the terms of reference, and we believe this revision is necessary.
- We would therefore welcome the opportunity to begin the discussions this week.
- Thank you.

Costs of inaction

- Thank you, mister co-chair
- Switzerland considers it essential that the 2013 report on the costs of inaction be updated, as proposed.
- We particularly value the focus on assessing the benefits of early action and on preventing these costs from materialising. In our view, such a study is fundamental to informing policies and regulations that support the transition to safer and more sustainable chemicals, products, and materials.
- We therefore express our strong support for the Secretariat to continue this work in collaboration with the participating organisations.
- We also encourage the exploration of all available options to mobilise the necessary financial resources.
- Thank you