

Thank you Madame/Mr. Co-Chair,

On behalf of the IOMC and its participating organizations, I would like to draw your attention to meeting document OEWG 1/8 and the related document INF/11.

Document 1/8 outlines the activities that the IOMC has supported, in cooperation and consultation with Global Framework stakeholders, to meet our commitment and acceptance of resolution V/8 which invited the IOMC, governments, stakeholders, as well as other international organizations “to collaborate on, and develop proposals for implementation programmes (...) for further consideration at the next session of the Conference” and also “welcomed and encouraged the undertaking of further activities concerning all areas of work during the intersessional period until the next session of the Conference”. These initial intersessional activities have included: four webinars, the development of draft discussion documents to support the consultation process and provide a means of developing proposals for implementation programmes, two global surveys, two multi-stakeholder workshops to deepen the consultation process and make further progress with the concerned stakeholders on drafting the mandates, terms of reference and workplans for the programmes, as well as related discussions at the 3rd Berlin Forum co-hosted with the Government of Germany in September 2024 and a high-level Working Lunch and Round Table Discussion, also hosted with the Government of Germany, on 1 May 2025 in the margins of the High-Level Segment of the BRS 2025 COPs to consider different aspects of how to advance collaboration in chemicals management and implement the GFC.

Document INF/11 presents proposals for advancing three Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) Implementation Programmes for which this OEWG meeting provides an opportunity to generate feedback from stakeholders in further developing the mandates, TORs, and workplans for the proposed Programmes in advance of the next International Conference for the GFC in 2026. Suggestions presented in this document are based on valuable input received from a diverse range of GFC stakeholders gathered through consultative activities conducted in 2024 and 2025 and involving more than 500 stakeholder participants in total. Important questions and issues related to their design have emerged, which this Information Document aims to address, and OEWG participants are invited to provide feedback, including on specific questions and topics listed in the document, during this week.

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The IOMC and its participating organizations have to date support these activities with both internal financial and in-kind resources. Unfortunately, these resources are now exhausted and any further future work, including those proposed in the two related meeting documents, will not be possible unless new and additional resources are found. We want to stress our commitment to continuing to develop the proposals for

the implementation programmes for the first international conference, but the current financing landscape makes the possibility to accomplish this goal very uncertain.

We look forward to working further with all GFC stakeholders this week to advance the current set of proposals for the implementation programmes and taking advantage of our all being together here in Uruguay.

Thank you.