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Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste
First meeting**

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Agenda item 7

Other matters

Submission by Brazil, Chile and Saudi Arabia

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Annex***Submission by Brazil, Chile and Saudi Arabia****Introduction**

We would like to offer a draft recommendation informed by our experiences this week. Despite our collective efforts and the significant time and energy invested, we must express our frustration that our work has not produced the concrete outcomes we had anticipated. Instead, the sole result of our deliberations has been the compilation of views for inclusion in the meeting report.

While gathering perspectives is an important and necessary step, we strongly recommend that, moving forward, we focus on achieving more tangible progress and actionable results. We owe it to ourselves—and to the process—to ensure that our time together yields decisions and advancements that extend beyond merely recording our positions.

Let us draw upon the lessons learned this week to guide our approach in the next phase, striving for outcomes that genuinely reflect the commitment and expertise within this group.

It is for this reason that Brazil and Chile have drafted this text, requesting the Secretariat to develop concrete proposals to enhance the effectiveness and impact of future meetings of the Open-ended Working Group. In this context, we respectfully submit the following recommendation for your consideration and final adoption:

The Open-ended Working Group,

Recalling Decision II/6 of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM), which established the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) as an intersessional body to support the work of the ICCM,

Recognizing the evolving nature of the global chemicals and waste agenda following the adoption of the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) at ICCM5, which establishes new priorities, responsibilities, and implementation mechanisms,

Acknowledging the need to align the mandate and functions of the OEWG with the strategic objectives and implementation requirements of the GFC,

1. Recommends that the Secretariat prepare a draft resolution for consideration by the first session of the International Conference, aimed at updating and clarifying:
 - (a) The mandate of the OEWG established by Decision II/6;
 - (b) Its functions, modalities of work, and expected outcomes;
2. Further recommends the Secretariat to develop the draft resolution based on:
 - (a) Lessons learned from previous OEWG meetings;
 - (b) Inputs from regional groups and all the relevant stakeholders;
 - (c) Provisions of the GFC and applicable ICCM5 resolutions;
3. Also recommends the draft resolution to include options regarding:
 - (a) Frequency of OEWG meetings;
 - (b) Composition and participation modalities;
 - (c) Reporting lines to the Conference;
 - (d) Coordination with other subsidiary bodies under the GFC.

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