

## Management Response: Implementation Plan for Evaluation Recommendations

### General Information

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| UNEP Sub-programme                                               | SP5 – Chemicals, Waste and Air quality                                                                                           |
| GEF Focal Area                                                   |                                                                                                                                  |
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| Office/Division                                                  | Industry & Economy Division                                                                                                      |
| Branch & Unit                                                    | Chemicals & Health Branch, Global Framework on Chemicals                                                                         |
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### Implementation Plan

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| 1      | Independence of the Secretariat and Good Governance     | To ensure the independence of GFC and the Secretariat, the rules of procedure and governance should be explicitly applied to foster the perception of impartiality and to promote good governance. | Critical                                               | UNEP-wide                                                      | UNEP, ICCM, and the GFC Bureau | As soon as feasible                | Accepted                                           |                                              | (i) Rules of procedure from ICCM 5 are adhered to and enforced at formal meetings and for processes associated with the Global Framework on |

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| 2  | Better reporting and communication from GFC National Focal Points                                            | Following ICCM5 Resolution V/7, the GFC Secretariat will develop Draft guidelines for national focal points submitted for consideration of the Open-ended Working Group scheduled for 2025. It is recommended to include reporting and communication requirements in these guidelines.                                                                                    | Important      | Project                | GFC Secretariat            | Before the Open-ended Working Group scheduled for 2025 | Accepted   |                                              | Guidelines for focal points have been drafted and we have commissioned UNEP WCMC to support with expert groups to develop these guidelines and draft a road map for implementation of the guidelines                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3  | Provide opportunities for more engagement and involvement from stakeholders of the labour and health sectors | A labour/health position has been created within the GFC Secretariat reflecting the growing need to address labour and health issues in the strategic approach for sound management of chemicals and waste. Where relevant, it is recommended that this officer should collaborate closely with ILO and WHO and encourage applications for the GFC TF from these sectors. | Important      | Project                | GFC Secretariat            | Before the first round of applications for the GFC TF  | Accepted   |                                              | We have recruited a dedicated health and labour member of the Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariat. She will be engaging directly with the ILO and WHO to strengthen the relationship. She started her role on 6 April 2025                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4  | Limited financial resources to achieve objectives                                                            | Financial resources constraints were recognized as limited factors to achieving the 2020 goals, and capacity building in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Important      | Project                | Bureau and GFC Secretariat | By the end of 2025                                     |            |                                              | We have recruited a P4 for the Fund and part of their job is ot focus on resource mobilisation including                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|    |                                                                         | developing countries. It is recommended to implement the resource mobilization strategy proposed in the GFC project document.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                |                        |                            |                                    |            |                                              | researching new avenues for fundraising.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 5  | No decision taken about the future of the Knowledge Management Platform | A Knowledge Management Platform was established by the project, and it has ensured up-to-date information about SAICM and the QSP. It is recommended to build on this Platform for training, communication, advocacy and outreach of the GFC.                                                                                      | Important      | Project                | Bureau and GFC Secretariat | By end of 2025                     |            |                                              | We have investigated the platform and how it could be modified to serve as a Knowledge Management Platform for the GFC. We are under pressure from UNEP to close "child sites" such as this platform so are seeking other avenues to allow for information on the GFC to be shared for advocacy and outreach. |
| 6  | Responsiveness to Human Rights and Gender Equality                      | While the gender dimension was satisfactorily addressed, human rights were not assessed given the nature of the project with no interventions at country level. It is recommended that the Secretariat ensures that human rights and gender equity are fully considered during the implementation of projects funded by the GFC TF | Important      | Project                | Bureau and GFC Secretariat | By end of 2025                     |            |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |