INTER-ORGANIZATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (IOCC)

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 55th MEETING 11-12 May 2021, via teleconference

The 55th meeting of the Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee (IOCC) of the IOMC was held 11-12 May 2021 via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Manal Azzi (ILO) chaired the meeting. The meeting discussed, *inter alia*, IOMC indicators of progress, strategic interests of POs and IOMC collectively including coordination issues, SAICM and Beyond 2020, communications, and the IOMC Toolbox.

Specific Matters

IOMC agreed to support a project (including other interested organizations) for **further work on indicators**, including criteria, an inventory/listing of existing indicators, and possible other elements (such as a composite indicator of existing IOMC indicators).

IOMC noted the high attendance at the four **IOMC webinars** on various technical topics, with support of Germany, and agreed to a proposal for further similar initiatives. IOMC organizations informed about their plans for participation at the **Berlin Forum** on Chemicals and Sustainability in July 2021. Support was expressed to continue activities related to the **Minamata Convention** by holding another meeting of the IOMC mercury group, including its technical sessions.

General Matters

Several organizations and convention secretariats reported on recent or planned **governing body** meetings and participants also shared information in relation to the impacts of **COVID-19**, including reports on technical work relating to chemicals, impacts on country projects, and strategies to mitigate them.

A progress report on the **IOMC Toolbox** was provided, highlighting the continued impact of COVID-19 (including delays that are then resulting in saving of travel costs), as well as a draft plan regarding sustainability of the Toolbox over the long term.