

INTER-ORGANIZATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (IOCC)

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 56th MEETING

26-27 October 2021, via teleconference

The 56th meeting of the Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee (IOCC) of the IOMC was held 26-27 October 2021 via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Bob Diderich (OECD) 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, work of the IOMC mercury group, and the IOMC Toolbox.

Specific Matters

IOMC agreed to the draft project plan for **further work on indicators** as a basis for work to be done by a working group of interested POs and interested non-IOMC organizations, which is expected to hold its first meeting in early 2022.

Participants welcomed the outcomes of the July 2021 **Berlin Forum** on Chemicals and Sustainability and agreed to consider opportunities to **raise visibility and promote ambition** regarding chemicals and waste management during 2022 (one example being Stockholm+50 planned for June 2022).

In relation to communicating progress on **EPIs**, IOMC will consider holding webinars on EPIs that have not received much attention in recent public events and other communications and make sure that SAICM focal points are informed. IOMC further agreed to the proposal for another series of **IOMC webinars** starting in 2022.

Support was expressed to continue activities related to the **Minamata Convention** by holding another meeting of the IOMC mercury group in preparation for COP 4.2 in March 2022, as well as for the technical sessions (such as the recent session on trade in mercury and a planned session on emissions and waste).

General Matters

Several organizations and convention secretariats reported on recent or upcoming **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 and requesting any final comments on the draft sustainability plan by the end of December.