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**Further development and adoption of a strategic approach to
international chemicals management**

**Resolution of the seventh Global Civil Society Forum regarding
chemicals management**

Submission by International POPS Elimination Network

Resolution of the 7th Global Civil Society Forum regarding Chemicals Management

The participants of the 7th Global Civil Society Forum draw the attention of International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) delegates to the Seventh global civil society statement to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environmental Forum at its 9th special session, UNEP/GCSS.IX/INF/7, and urge that the final resolution of the ICCM:

1. recognize that sound chemicals management, as reflected in Chapter 19 of Agenda 21, through an effective Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) is essential for the protection of the environment and the health of current and future generations;
2. recognize and take into consideration that sound chemicals management is essential to poverty alleviation;
3. take into account the particular vulnerabilities to chemicals of children and women, including women of child-bearing age, as well as implications for future generations;
4. ensure that women, youth, Indigenous Peoples and marginalized stakeholders are full and active participants in the decision-making and implementation processes of chemicals management;
5. ensure, through the involvement of governments, international financial institutions, business and industry, and others, sufficient new and additional financial resources to enable the implementation of SAICM;
6. embrace core principles and approaches such as precaution, liability and compensation, public participation, access to information, and polluter pays, as included in the 7th Global Civil Society Statement and the SAICM President's draft proposal; and
7. ensure that there is an effective follow-up mechanism for the continuity and implementation of SAICM with the continued full and active participation of all stakeholders, including civil society, women, youth and Indigenous Peoples, at all levels.