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Improving Role of Major Groups in Implementation
of UNEP POW 2010/2011

Perspective of Business/Industry Major Group

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- Business strongly supports UNEP efforts to become a more results-focused organization
- Business welcomes UNEP's intention to enhance the role of Major Groups and Stakeholders in the implementation of the POW
- Business looks forward to working with UNEP in the six thematic priorities identified in the Strategy

Major Groups and the UNEP POW 2010/2011

- Business supports a strong and engaged role for Major Groups in implementation of the POW
 - Invaluable complement to governmental and inter-governmental initiatives
- Business believes that there is a wide range of options for increasing and strengthening the engagement of Major Groups, and welcomes this opportunity to explore those further

Options for Major Group engagement in support of UNEP POW 2010/2011

- Major Group support and engagement can take many forms, including but not limited to partnerships
 - Technical expertise and advice
 - Awareness raising and capacity building through their networks
 - Participation in policy discussions
 - Partnerships in all their diversity - involving UNEP and/or other stakeholders

How to support stronger Major Group engagement in UNEP POW 2010/2011?

- Encouraging diversity in approach and avoiding a single template
- Promoting capacity building and continuous improvement
- Sharing experiences of successful major group engagement in various areas (such as transparency/reporting; leveraging resources; etc.)
- Good Example: SAICM

Strategic Approach on Chemicals Management (SAICM)

- SAICM is an integral element of POW sub-programme 5 “harmful substances and hazardous waste”
- SAICM is a new approach establishing a multi-stakeholder process
- All stakeholders participate on an equal footing
- Business and Industry is strongly engaged

ICCA Contribution to SAICM

- The global chemical industry through the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) is strongly committed to SAICM
- At ICCM-1 in Dubai, ICCA launched two major initiatives
 - the Responsible Care Global Charter; and
 - the Global Product Strategy
- These initiatives are the key contributions to the implementation of SAICM



ICCM-2: next Milestone

- Since Dubai member companies and associations dedicated substantial resources
- At ICCM-2 (Geneva, 11-20 May 2009) ICCA will report on progress made with SAICM implementation
- To this end ICCA will organize a high-level side-event involving CEOs of major global companies as well as leaders of other key stakeholders

SAICM: Measuring Progress

- Implementation of SAICM needs to be monitored and measured
- Modalities of Reporting for all stakeholders are currently under development
- ICCA is committed to measuring progress in a credible manner
- ICCA is a key contributor with other stakeholders to finalizing this measurement process

Vision of Success for Major Group's Engagement

- Flexibility – many forms, as diverse as the settings and challenges
- Inter-disciplinary
- Leveraging combined strengths, which can take many forms
- Avoiding additional bureaucracy and transaction costs
- Transparency and experience sharing
- SAICM process is a good model of incorporating these elements