

Intervention – General Comments by Indigenous Peoples on Draft Decisions Item 4 Consultative process on financing options for chemicals and waste

Thank you Mr Chair,

Because indigenous peoples live close to nature, and are dependent upon natural resources for their livelihoods, chemicals and waste affect them. The consultative process on financing options for chemicals and waste consider financing for the Strategic Approach for International Chemicals Management is under consideration, and we have found this program very useful because it deals with projects on the ground. We understand that longer-term financing is under consideration but that funds are required in the short term for SAICM. We therefore make a plea to ensure that the value program for SAICM continues to receive funds in the short-term to enable it to continue in its work which is of such importance to us.

Thank you

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While Pacific Small Island States are less urbanized than the rest of the Asia-Pacific region, stockpiles of e-waste have built up and have become a source of hazardous substances that threaten their fragile ecosystems. The special conditions of Pacific SIDS with regard to e-waste need to be considered, as we need programs for collection of discarded products that have become e-waste, their appropriate, medium-term storage and eventual re-export for the purpose of environmentally sound disposal under the Basel Convention.

Thank you.

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