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Chemical Safety for Sustainable Development

Forum V - Plenary Programme

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PROPOSED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

convening on Monday 25 September 2006 at 10h00

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters concerning Forum V
 - designation of rapporteur
 - report on preparations for Forum V
 - adoption of agenda
 - adoption of provisional timetable
3. President's Progress Report
4. IFCS administrative items
5. Future of IFCS
6. Sound Management of Chemicals and Poverty Reduction
7. Applying precaution in the context of chemical safety
8. Heavy Metals - need for further global action?
9. Addressing the widening gap among countries in following the chemical safety policies
10. Toys and chemical safety
11. Election of IFCS Officers and Forum Standing Committee Members
12. Future sessions of the Forum
13. Any other business
14. Review of conclusions and recommendations
15. Adoption of the report of the meeting
16. Closing of the Meeting

Forum V Opening Session
Monday 25 September 2006
10h00-13h00 (180 minutes)
Agenda items 1 to 4

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<u># 1 Opening</u>	
Dr Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Thailand, IFCS President	5
Dr Katalin Szili, President of Parliament, Hungary	10
Dr Lajos Molnár, MD, Minister of Health, Hungary	12
Dr Miklós Persányi, Minister of Environment and Water, Hungary	12
 <u>Keynote speakers</u>	
H.E.Dr Fatemeh Vaez.Javadi, Vice President and Minister of Environment, Iran	20
 Dr Joel Forman	 20
Dept of Pediatrics and Community and Preventive Medicine, Mt Sinai School of Medicine, USA "Chemicals and Children's Health: The Early and Delayed Consequences of Early Exposure"	
 Grassroots Women's Organizations:	
Ms V. Dammay, APIT TAKO	10
(Alliance of Peasants in the Cordillera Homeland) Philippines "Low-Input Sustainable Agriculture As An Alternative To High-Input Farming Among The Peasants Of The Northern Luzon Cordillera"	
 Ms A. Lemos, Justica Ambiental (Environmental Justice) Maputo, Mozambique	 10
"Toxic Waste Victory in Mozambique: Asserting the People's Right to Know and Be Heard"	
 <u>Awards</u>	
Special Recognition:	
Professor Dr. Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Mahidol of Thailand and Chulabhorn Research Institute	5
 Award of Merit	
Mr J.R. Hickman -unable to attend; message to be conveyed by Prof Dr U. Schlottmann	5
 Prof Dr U Schlottmann	 5
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FV preparations - report by President	
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adoption of general time schedule	
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Monday, 25 September 2006 15h00 - 18h00

Agenda item 5 Future of IFCS

15h00 - 16h30

Lead sponsor: Georg Karlaganis, Switzerland

Facilitator: IFCS President as Chairman/President of Forum V

Presentation:

Introduction to Thought Starter on the Future of IFCS (IFCS/FORUM V/02-TS)
Georg Karlaganis, Switzerland

Recorder: Henrik Eriksen, Norway

Agenda item 6 The Sound Management of Chemicals and poverty reduction

16h30 - 18h00

Lead sponsor: Michael Dreyer, GTZ, Germany

Facilitator: Maria Neira, Director, Public Health and the Environment, WHO

Presentations (15 min each):

- Introduction to Thought Starter : Poverty Reduction and the Sound Management of Chemicals (IFCS/FORUM V/04-TS)
and
"Public Health Perspective: Toxics and Poverty"
Lynn R. Goldman
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Donor perspective: Governance of the Sound Management of Chemicals
(title to be confirmed)
Jill Hanna
Adviser / Delegated Representative, DG ENV, European Commission
- NGO (public interest) perspective: Poverty and Pesticides: protecting health and environment
Sarojeni Rengam
Pesticide Action Network - Asia Pacific
- Developing country perspective & case study: Management of chemicals in a non OECD country
(title to be confirmed)
Nelson Manda
Zambia
- WHO case study (t.b.c.) (10 mins)

Recorder: Jules de Kom, Suriname

Discussion: The discussion will be guided by the series of questions presented in the Thought Starter.

Objective of discussion:

- identify the important challenges to integration of sound management of chemicals in poverty reduction efforts;
 - stimulate actions to integrate the sound management of chemicals in poverty reduction efforts.
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Tuesday, 26 September 2006 10h00 - 13h00

Agenda item 6 Applying precaution in the context of chemical safety

Lead sponsors: Joel Tickner, Lowell Center for Sustainable Production, USA, IFCS Consultant/Advisor,
and Judy Stober, IFCS Secretariat

Facilitator: Joel Tickner, Lowell Center for Sustainable Production, USA, IFCS Consultant/Advisor

Presentations (15 min each):

- Introduction, what the session is about, setting the scene
Joel Tickner
Lowell Center for Sustainable Production, USA
IFCS Consultant/Advisor
- Tools and Approaches for Applying Precaution in the Context of Chemicals Safety: Introduction
Franz Xaver Perrez
International Affairs Division - Head of Section Global Affairs
Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
- PRIO- A tool that facilitate for enterprises to practise precaution
Johanna Lissinger Peitz
Senior Technical Officer, Risk Reduction Division,
Swedish Chemicals Inspectorate
- U.S. EPA, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT)
Chemical Reviews and Tools Case Study
John Shoaf
International Team
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, USA
- Case study: Precaution as applied in Nicaraguan pesticide control, and the chilling effect of a regional
trade and integration agreement
Jesus Marin Ruiz, Director
CIVATOX, Nicaragua
- Case studies applying precautionary approaches (PAN Asia Pacific)
Romy Quijano
Pesticide Action Network
- Alliance Boots - Chemicals in Consumer Products, A Precautionary Approach
Stephen Johnson
Sustainable Development Manager, CSR Support, Alliance Boots
- Summary of responses to questionnaire and interviews and opening of panel, reminder of session goals
Joel Tickner

Recorder: Michael Wittmann, Austria

Discussion: The discussion will be guided by a series of questions:

I. Questions/clarifications on presentations – (10 minutes maximum)

II. Discussion on tools and approaches used (15 minutes)

- What are some of the key tools/approaches used by countries and stakeholders in applying precaution/making decisions under uncertainty in chemical safety?
- What are some elements of and the range of tools for the application of precaution to chemicals management and decisions in the face of uncertainty?

III. Discussion of issues and experiences with application of precaution/decision making under uncertainty (15 minutes)

- What are some of the lessons that you have heard from the presentations in terms of tools and approaches to efforts to apply precaution to chemicals management decisions in the face of uncertainty?
- What are some of the concerns and interests regarding application of precaution in the context of chemicals safety and how can these be best addressed?

IV. Needs (20 minutes)

- What are some of the challenges and needs facing countries that would like to apply precaution more effectively to their chemicals management decision-making at a range of levels? And what types of support are needed to overcome obstacles?
- What are some ways to better understand different options, commonalities and differences in decision making under conditions under uncertainty?

V. Summary (3 minutes)

Facilitator to summarize the discussion on cases, tools and approaches, lessons, and needs

Tuesday, 26 September 2006 15h00 - 18h00

**Agenda item 8 Heavy Metals: need for further global action?
15h00 - 16h30**

Lead sponsor: Georg Karlaganis, Switzerland

Facilitator: IFCS President as Chairman/President of Forum V

Presentation:

Report on side event: Health and environment concerns associated with heavy metals: global needs for further action? (IFCS/FORUM V/8 INF)

Representative of the Government of Switzerland

Recorder: Abiola Olanipekun, Nigeria

**Agenda item 9 Addressing the widening gap among countries in following the chemical safety policies
16h30 - 18h00**

Lead sponsor: A. Mousavi, Iran

Facilitator: Jamidu Katima, Tanzania, IFCS Vice President African Region

Presentations:

- Presentation of the Addressing The Widening Gap Among Countries In Following Chemical Safety Policies - Progress Report to Forum V
A. Mousavi, Iran
- Presentation of the outcome of the side event (Monday 25 September 2006) on South-South Collaboration
Matthew Gubb, SAICM Secretariat, UNEP will coordinate presentation

Recorder: t.b.d.

Wednesday, 27 September 2006 10h00 - 13h00

**Agenda item 5 (continued) Future of IFCS: Possible future topics for the Forum
10h00 - 11h30**

Lead sponsor: Georg Karlaganis, Switzerland

Facilitator: IFCS President as Chairman/President of Forum V

Presentation: Introduction: *Georg Karlaganis, Switzerland*

Recorder: Henrik Eriksen, Norway

**Agenda item 10 Toys and Chemical Safety
11h30 - 13h00**

Lead sponsor: Kathy Shea, Consultant, IFCS Advisor, and Judy Stober, IFCS Secretariat

Facilitator: Kathy Shea, IFCS Advisor

Presentations (10 mins each):

- Introduction to the Thought Starter: Toys and Chemical Safety (IFCS/FORUM V/03-TS)
Kathy Shea, Consultant, IFCS Advisor
- Toying with Toxics: An Investigation of lead and cadmium in PVC and non PVC toys in three cities in India
Ravi Agarwal, Toxic Links
- Regulations about security of toys in Chile
Julio Monreal, Chile
- *Presentation by a developed country t.b.c.*

Recorder: Stella Michaelidou-Canna, Cyprus

Discussion:

The discussion will be guided by a series of questions based on those presented in the Thought Starter.
Departure Points for Discussion

- Questions and sub questions in 3 main categories
 - Design and Manufacture
 - Standards and Controls
 - International and General Considerations
- Important Over-Arching Themes
 - INFORMATION
 - PREVENTION
 - EQUITY

Thursday 28 September 2006 10h00 - 13h00

Plenary items brought back for further consideration

IFCS President, Chairman/President of Forum V

Friday, 29 September 2006 10h00 - 13h00, 15h00 - 18h00

Agenda items 11 through 16

IFCS President, Chairman/President of Forum V