

Comments from SE on Draft GFC Declaration

WE REITERATE our support to the role of the OECD in facilitating efforts towards the sound management of chemicals and waste, including by supporting the development and enhancement of national *legal* frameworks, *institutional mechanisms and capacities* for chemicals management *throughout their life cycle*;

Rationale: To be closer to the wording of Strategic Objective A and Target A1.

WE CALL on the OECD, through its Chemicals and Biotechnology Committee, in consultation with other relevant OECD policy communities, to:

- continue its on-going work in the context of the Chemicals Programme, in view of contributing to meeting the *strategic objectives and targets* ~~goals~~ of the GFC, including developing, supporting implementation and updating OECD standards and tools, in particular in the area of risk assessment and management of chemicals, and ensure outputs are as accessible, relevant and useful as possible for all relevant stakeholders;

Rationale: GFC has Strategic Objectives and targets

- serve as a forum for collaboration on chemical safety policy, in particular considering the GFC *strategic objectives* of addressing issues of concern and *in* supporting the uptake of safer alternatives and innovative and sustainable solutions including through the exchange of information and experience:

Rationale: GFC has one specific Strategic Objective C on that Issues of concern are identified, prioritized and addressed.

- act as a custodian of certain indicators in relation to chemicals management *in particular the indicator on Number of countries with legislation in place to manage industrial and consumer chemicals* and support efforts in view of mainstream chemicals management *and pollution* into discussions of *interrelation with addressing climate change and biodiversity loss and* other environmental issues and concerns;

Rationale: the indicator that OECD has developed related to legislation to manage industrial and consumer chemicals is in our view valuable to mention. The wording of the Bonn Declaration on that “The crises of pollution, climate change and biodiversity loss are closely interrelated and need to be addressed in an integrated manner” could be useful if included in the Declaration somehow.