

## Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)

### INTER-ORGANIZATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (IOCC)

#### SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 62<sup>nd</sup> MEETING

24-25 September 2024, UNITAR, Geneva

The 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Inter-Organization Coordinating Committee (IOCC) of the IOMC was held 24-25 September 2024, hosted by UNITAR in Geneva. Mr. Johannes Heister (World Bank) chaired the meeting. The IOCC meeting discussed, *inter alia*, strategic interests of POs and IOMC collectively including coordination issues, GFC implementation, the negotiations for a science-policy panel (SPP) and for an international instrument on plastic pollution, the IOMC Toolbox, as well as an update of the work of IOMC mercury group.

#### **Specific Matters**

The GFC Secretariat provided an update focused on the GFC after one year in existence, including the GFC Fund, indicators and monitoring, outreach activities, and the expected road to the first Conference in 2026 (including an OEWG meeting planned for June 2025). The GFC Secretariat suggested that in the first round of project proposals for the **GFC Fund** that IOMC POs could consider supporting priority countries or regions or consider one or two “showcase” projects. Regarding the **GFC implementation programmes**, the IOCC encouraged continuation of work by the IOMC working group on IPs (IPWG) with a view to submit a report on progress to the first OEWG.

The Chair of the mercury group (ILO) informed the meeting of the plans for a next technical session on waste in October 2024 and several POs indicated their interest to make presentations at this session. POs agreed to continue to exchange information in advance of the negotiations on **plastics** and to consider an IOMC event at INC-3.2 of **Science-policy panel** (SPP) negotiations.

#### **General Matters**

Several organizations and convention secretariats reported on recent or upcoming **governing body meetings** and participants also shared information about on-going and new initiatives. A number of participants identified activities on lead to be of current strategic priority, and others also identified PCBs and sustainable chemistry.

A progress report on the **IOMC Toolbox** was provided and participants agreed to consider how to promote countries to use the Toolbox as part of their proposals to the GFC Fund and to consider having direct links to the Toolbox site from their own websites.