

International PRTR Coordinating Group

Informal note by the interim secretariat and UNEP

ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT

1. The Global Plan of Action of the Strategic Approach to the Sound Management of Chemicals includes activities dealing with creation and promotion of pollutant release and transfer registers.
2. The International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) will undertake periodic reviews of the Strategic Approach. The functions of the Conference will be *inter alia* “[t]o receive reports from all relevant stakeholders on progress in implementation of the Strategic Approach and to disseminate information as appropriate” (*Draft overarching policy strategy*, paragraph 24 (a) (SAICM/ICCM.1/3)). The next session of the ICCM is scheduled to be held in 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland.
3. The International PRTR Coordinating Group may wish to consider whether to offer to report to the ICCM on its activities relevant to the creation and promotion of PRTRs, in addition to our former practice of reporting to IFCS.