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**International Conference on Chemicals Management**

**Second session**

Geneva, 11–15 May 2009

Item 8 of the provisional agenda\*

**Other matters**

## **Awards to financial and other contributors to the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management**

### **Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat has the honour to present a recommendation from the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, as convener of the International Conference on Chemicals Management, that the Conference should accept a proposal by the Quick Start Programme Executive Board to recognize contributors to the Quick Start Programme and other activities supporting the implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management. The Conference may wish to consider the proposal. If accepted, an awards ceremony would be held during the plenary session in the afternoon of Thursday, 14 May 2009.
2. The annex to the present note contains correspondence, in English only, between the co-chairs of the Quick Start Programme Executive Board and the Executive Director regarding the proposal.

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## Annex

**Correspondence between the co-chairs of the Quick Start Programme Executive Board and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on the proposal to recognize contributors to the Quick Start Programme and other activities to support the implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management**



Strategic Approach  
to International  
Chemicals Management



12 February 2009

Dear Mr Steiner,

The Quick Start Programme (QSP) of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) has completed its second year of implementation and has proven to be a valuable funding mechanism to support chemical safety activities in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

In 2007, the QSP Executive Board adopted the QSP business plan, which outlines a strategy to ensure the sustainable provision of resources. The strategy included the establishment of a framework for official recognition and awards to be considered for possible recommendation to the second session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management to be held in Geneva from 11 to 15 May 2009.

Following consideration of the proposal contained in the business plan, the Executive Board suggests that, in your capacity of convenor of the Conference, you consider inviting the Conference to formally recognize all QSP contributors and recommends special acknowledgement to multi-year contributors and developing country contributors. It was also proposed that you may wish to extend this recognition to other SAICM contributors, outside the framework of the QSP. A draft list of potential awardees is attached.

You may wish to consider inviting the President of the second session of the Conference to join you or your representative in presenting the awards to QSP and other contributors during the main reception of the Conference on the evening of Monday 11 May 2009.

We look forward to having your views on this proposal for awards.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms. Zastenskaya and Mr. Buys,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 February 2009.

I welcome the Executive Board proposal of the Quick Start Programme to invite the International Conference on Chemicals Management to recognize contributors to the Programme and other activities supporting the implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management.

The generous voluntary support of these contributors has enabled a strong start to implementation in the first three years since the Strategic Approach was adopted. As convener, I wish to propose to the Conference at its second session that it recognizes their important efforts. With regard to my participation, I will endeavour to participate in or send a representative to the award ceremony on 11 May 2009.

Please convey my thanks to the Board for its proposal to recognize contributors. I also take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the work of the Board in ensuring the success of the Quick Start Programme as a key instrument in facilitating initial enabling activities under the Strategic Approach.

Yours sincerely,

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