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ICCM5 adopts new framework

The Fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) concluded on 30 September in Bonn, Germany, by adopting “a comprehensive global framework that sets concrete targets and guidelines for key sectors across the entire lifecycle of chemicals”.

The new Global Framework on Chemicals is based around 28 targets and outlines a roadmap for countries and stakeholders to address the lifecycle of chemicals, including products and waste, collaboratively. It calls, among other things, for the:

- * Prevention of the illegal trade and trafficking of chemicals and waste
- * Implementation of national legal frameworks. Enhancement of transparency and access to information regarding chemicals and their associated risks.
- * Phase-out by 2035 of highly hazardous pesticides in agriculture
- * Transition to safer and more sustainable chemical alternatives
- * Responsible management of chemicals in various sectors, including industry, agriculture and healthcare

Participants also adopted the Bonn Declaration. Under this, they committed to “prevent exposure to harmful chemicals, and phase out the most harmful ones, where appropriate, and enhance the safe management of such chemicals where they are needed”.

By 2030, it said, the global chemical industry will strive to:

- * Provide access to available data on the safety and sustainability of its products, so as to avoid unnecessary duplication of work
- * Support 30 countries in implementing chemical management systems
- * Guide product portfolios, including processes, toward sustainable solutions

Reference:

<https://www.specchemonline.com/index.php/iccm5-adopts-new-framework>