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Brazil aligns itself with the statement of the G-77 and China. In support of that statement, Brazil would like to highlight the following points.

Challenges remain for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. Taking into consideration the specific mandates of each of these three conventions, we should promote common solutions for implementation. We should continue to promote greater coordination and cooperation between those three instruments, as discussed in the Bali ExCOPs in Feb 2010. An important element is the establishment of regional networks for capacity-building and technical assistance, operating out of regional centers of those conventions as well as regional offices of UNEP and FAO.

In supporting countries to manage chemicals, additional burdens should not be put on developing countries. Financing is a critical element. Developing countries need predictable, stable and new financial resources. The lack of fulfillment of financing commitments by developed countries as a whole is a serious impediment. The low level of resources at the disposal of the Quick Start Program of SAICM is a reflex of this symptom.

Thank you.