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Sound management of chemicals forms part of the efforts to protect environmental security and people's health. In order to address various environmental problems caused by mismanagement of chemicals, countries are working to incorporate chemical management into their environmental protection policies and have gradually put in place a risk management system for chemicals that is complete and based on scientific evidence. In Feb. 2006, UNEP adopted the Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management which gives clear guidelines for the incorporation of chemical management into national development strategies.

We believe that in carrying out the work of chemical management, full consideration should be given to the level of development and specific conditions of the developing countries. The international community should provide new and additional financial support to the developing countries to help them with capacity building in chemical management.

Using the current international basic principles for chemical management as reference, China took into account chemical management in designing the 12th National Five Year Plan for Environmental Protection and has incorporated chemical management into the system of the 12th Five Year Plan's environmental statistical indicators. My government has formulated and improved relevant rules and regulations, and keeps improving the review and approval system. We have established import/export registration of toxic chemicals and registration of new chemicals and have kept them under monitoring. We have also greatly strengthened monitoring and management through advanced technical means such as customs electronic

port networking. My government has taken an active part in the international process on chemical management. We have set up a national coordinating group and an expert committee for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention and have provided information as required by the Convention. China is willing to continue to work with others to strengthen the work of chemical management.