

4th Meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2022

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EU+MS statement on the agenda item 3 in plenary:

Development of recommendations for consideration by ICCM-5 for the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2022: V. Institutional Arrangements

Madam Co-Chair,

The EU and its Member States are prepared to continue the discussion on the institutional arrangements based on the compilation document (SAICM/IP.4/2/Rev.1) reflecting the situation after IP3. The matters were not discussed by virtual working groups, but some elements were discussed in the section VI of the compilation document that should be considered at IP4.

We believe that currently, the main pillars of the framework are international conference, bureau and secretariat.

We think that current arrangements for the international conference encompass the multistakeholder nature as well as multidisciplinary approach to the lifecycle addressing chemicals and waste including materials and products throughout the value chain and lifecycle.

Regarding the bureau, its composition needs to be looked into at the final stages of the development of the beyond 2020 framework in order to give the Bureau the possibility to work in the best possible way. The EU&MS prefer to continue with the existing structure of the Bureau rather than use the structure of MEAs since the current approach allows that all stakeholders including other sectors, civil society organizations are involved.

Thank you.
