

VI. Mechanisms to support implementation

~~A. Rules of procedure~~

B. National Implementation

1. To sustain an integrated approach for the sound management of chemicals and waste, each Government should establish arrangements such as national plans of action for implementation on an inter-ministerial or inter-institutional basis, in consultation with stakeholders, so that concerned national department and stakeholder interests are represented and all relevant substantive areas are addressed.

2. Each government should designate a national focal point to facilitate communication and coordination at the national, regional, and international levels with respect to the [sound management of chemicals and wastes] [beyond 2020 instrument]. The national focal point should, among other duties, disseminate information, develop a network or a mechanism to coordinate national views that includes consultations with all relevant sectors and stakeholders, attend meetings, and be representative of the country's inter-ministerial or inter-institutional arrangements, where such arrangements exist.

3. To support effective implementation, stronger efforts are required to ensure that national implementation involves the engagement of the appropriate range of stakeholders and sectors (e.g., the health, environmental, agriculture and labour sectors) to address national priorities.

4. Governments [are encouraged to] [may] develop a national plan of action or program in consultation with other stakeholders to further implementation efforts at the national level. Such plan or program may be used to support its reporting under this Section on the progress made during the reporting period, keeping in mind that such plans or programs are tailored to national actions and measures and should not be duplicative of existing arrangements or other reporting efforts.

5. All stakeholders should undertake actions to promote progress on the implementation of the strategic objectives and targets.

C. [International,] Regional, and Sectoral Cooperation and Coordination

1. Priorities and capacities for implementation vary among regions according to their different economic and other circumstances.

2. International, regional, and sectoral collaboration play integral roles in supporting the sound management of chemicals and waste at all levels, including among trading partners and other regional organizations.

3. International and regional meetings and coordination mechanisms play an important role in enabling stakeholders in each region to exchange experience and identify priority needs in relation to implementation, as well as to develop regional positions on key issues.

4. Regions are encouraged, where appropriate:

- a) To identify common priorities,
- b) To develop regional implementation plans for the sound management of chemicals and waste, and to consider regional or sub-regional approaches and projects, and
- c) To appoint a regional focal point.

5. Regional focal points are to play a facilitative role within their regions, including undertaking activities determined at the regional level, such as chairing regional meetings, disseminating information of interest to focal

points within their region, collecting views from national focal points on matters of interest to the region, identifying opportunities for regional cooperation, assisting in the flow of information and views from the region to its Bureau member, as appropriate, and reporting periodically on the outcomes of their regional meetings and other regional activities.

D. Enhanced Sectoral and Stakeholder Engagement

1. The involvement and commitment of all relevant sectors and stakeholders at the local, national, regional and international levels is important for the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle and waste¹.

2. At the national level, governments, as appropriate, should undertake, in accordance with their laws, regulations, policies, and priorities, actions to build or improve regulatory and non-regulatory frameworks and institutional structures and capacities for multi-sectoral coherence [for the sound management of chemicals and wastes] [in the implementation of the beyond 2020 instrument], as well as urge complementary action by relevant stakeholders.

3. Relevant regional conventions, programmes, Centres, bodies and processes, such as health, labour and environmental ministerial forums, are invited to support and augment such national efforts, fostering coordination and cooperation.

4. Relevant international organizations and bodies, in particular the IOMC organizations and the chemicals and waste-related conventions, are invited to also support national and regional efforts to enable and enhance the participation of stakeholders and sectors [and] to promote awareness regarding the crosscutting nature of the sound management of chemicals and waste to achieve the sustainable development goals.

5. To contribute actively to the implementation of this instrument, the IOMC should continue to promote broad engagement and coordination of the policies, work programs, and activities of relevant intergovernmental organisations, further strengthening international cooperation and multi-sectoral engagement in the sound management of chemical and waste.

~~5. [International organizations and bodies should be invited to strengthen their engagement in the area of sound management of chemicals and waste]~~

6. The enhanced efforts of all relevant sectors and stakeholders should include increased or improved: (1) actions by members of individual sectors and stakeholders, (2) collaboration between and among key sectoral and stakeholder groups, (3) multi-stakeholder and multi-sector dialogue throughout the implementation of this instrument, and (4) contributions, as appropriate, to achieve the shared vision as well as the objective and targets of this instrument.

[6. Bis The public sector, as a major employer and through its extensive use of chemicals and role in waste handling and remediation work, is invited and encouraged to enhance its contribution, through safe and sustainable chemicals and waste policies and practices in workplaces and communities, and through procurement policies that prioritise protective practices.] [The public and private health sector including health services, through contract and procurement policies, should include the sound management of chemicals and waste.]

[7. [Enterprises [are invited to] [should]] [Stakeholders should] undertake due diligence to ensure that high standards of health and safety in the management of chemicals and waste are used [and verified] throughout their value chains and that they act to protect and respect human rights.]

8. The involvement of industry and the private sector throughout the value chain needs to be significantly enhanced under this instrument at all levels. The roles and responsibilities of industry and the private sector throughout the value chain in implementing the sound management of chemicals and waste offer a strong basis for enhanced involvement and action and should be clearly identified and developed. [To facilitate engagement of the entire chemicals value chain, in particular downstream user industry sectors and recyclers, the secretariat should [, subject to availability of resources,] develop, make publicly available, and implement a private sector outreach strategy, and provide updates on progress to the conference.]

¹ There is a common understanding that the issue of scope has yet to be agreed and will have implications for the term “waste” throughout section VI.

9. [Contributions to the implementation of this instrument are expected to be in the form of] [Stakeholders should set out their future actions to implement this instrument in] workplans, road maps, [actions,] milestones, pledges, [an international code of conduct of chemicals and waste management] or other appropriate commitments [such as financial resources] and should contain a clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of the sector and/or stakeholder, and the intended mechanism for implementation that contributes to the achievement of the objectives and targets, as well as opportunities for joint collaboration or actions.

~~11. The international conference may decide to request periodic updates on the implementation of the contributions from the relevant sectors and stakeholders to consider and assess whether enhanced levels of sectoral and stakeholder engagement have resulted in progress toward the achievement of the common objectives and targets or whether particular actions within the beyond 2020 instrument require additional enhancement or engagement.~~

~~12. The importance of engagement, endorsement, or formal recognition by the UN General Assembly (UNGA), other relevant international bodies such as the governing bodies of the IOMC members, and relevant MEAs,~~

~~International Financial Institutions, investor relations bodies and pension funds should ensure so far as is practicable that the safe, sound and sustainable management of chemicals and waste is included in loan agreements, safeguarding policies, company policies and investment priorities over which they can exert influence.~~

Governments, industry ~~[, all economic sectors,]~~ and stakeholders should take ~~[, so far as is practicable,] the [measures] necessary [measures] to achieve a just transition towards an [environmentally] sustainable economy with effective and safe management of chemicals and waste, in order to contribute to the goals of decent work for all, social inclusion [, human rights], and the eradication of poverty.~~

~~Governments should ensure that wherever practicable stringent and protective labour, safety and environmental clauses, including stipulations on safe and sustainable management of chemicals and waste, are included in trade agreements.~~

E. Subsidiary and Ad hoc Expert Bodies

F. Mechanisms to support Capacity Building

G. Taking Stock of Progress

1. *All stakeholders are [encouraged][invited] to contribute to the assessment of the progress of the beyond 2020 instrument in meeting the vision statement by providing information on their implementation efforts to meet the strategic objectives and their associated targets, taking into account the indicators, milestones, and contributions of all relevant sectors. By doing so, stakeholders can identify successful outcomes, as well as any gaps or challenges, drive opportunities for scaling up and improvement, share information, and assess the need for enhanced implementation efforts, and, if necessary, further prioritize their engagement and activities.*

2.² *Reporting processes should occur regularly and sufficiently often to provide for the effective assessment of the progress of the beyond 2020 instrument in meeting the vision statement.*

3. *All stakeholders should provide information related to their implementation efforts to³ the Secretariat for its compilation, [analysis], and presentation of the report to the international conference for its review. Stakeholders should provide such information in an organized and transparent manner, consistent with any guidance or template*

² As this Section is considered, it is important to note that the timeframes for the reporting and the assessment of information and data provided in Section G and updating process in Section H will need to be harmonized and, therefore, should be discussed together.

³ The VWG requests that both the task of receiving reporting from stakeholders and the task of reporting to the international conference on the progress of the instrument in attaining the strategic objectives and targets be referred to the next stage of the process for consideration under Part V on Institutional Arrangement and, in particular, Section C on the role of the Secretariat. Text similar to “Receive reports from all relevant stakeholders on progress of implementation efforts and to disseminate such information as appropriate” and “Reporting to the international conference on the progress of the instrument in attaining the strategic objectives and targets” (this task would include the compilation, [analysis,] and presentation of a report for the international conference) could be placed in brackets in Part V, Section C, and identified as an issue flagged for consideration by VWG2.

provided by the international conference. Such information may also include reporting on voluntary commitments as well as pledges or similar activities.

4. The information provided by stakeholders should focus on efforts to implement the agreed strategic objectives and targets, taking into account the indicators, milestones, and contributions from all relevant sectors to allow the international conference⁴ to assess the progress in implementing the beyond 2020 instrument⁵ and in fulfilling the vision in a comprehensive manner.

5. Stakeholder data and information should be made available and be able to be shared publicly to allow for a comprehensive and cooperative review⁶ by the international conference of the overall progress in achieving the vision, strategic objectives, and targets, as well as to propose recommendations to address any identified gaps.

6. The beyond 2020 instrument invites the sharing of data and information from complementary reporting processes of relevant agreements, initiatives, and the IOMC and other organizations in order to take into consideration, as appropriate, any linkages with such agreements, initiatives, or organizations and to minimize the reporting burden for all stakeholders.

⁷[7. Institutional arrangements for taking stock of progress on the sound management of chemicals and waste should include a multi-stakeholder periodic review process, facilitated by the secretariat, to review progress and, in cooperation with the Secretariat, prepare the report for the international conference that summarizes implementation progress and outlines recommendations.]

⁸[7^{bis}. These reports should facilitate discussion among stakeholders and allow for adaptation and response to any issues of concern.]

[ALT 7,7^{bis}. To improve implementation efforts and strengthen the monitoring, evaluation, and reporting, the Secretariat may facilitate, upon request by a government, voluntary peer reviews.]

8. The overall effectiveness of the beyond 2020 instrument should also be independently evaluated, taking into account the stakeholder reported data and information presented by the Secretariat and evaluated by the international conference. This overall evaluation should take place [after sufficient time has elapsed] [as decided by the international conference] [[possibly [in conjunction with] [at the same time as] the review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.]

H. Mechanism for Updating and Revising the Framework⁹

1. The international conference [may update] [may consider initiating a process to update] or revise the beyond 2020 instrument after taking into account: the assessment of the information and data called for from all stakeholders

⁴ The VWG notes the need to ensure in Section A (Part V) that the international conference is tasked with evaluating and reporting on the implementation of programmes that are fulfilling the vision with a view to reviewing progress on the strategic objectives and targets, and updating the programme of work as necessary. The VWG refers this task to the next stage of the process for consideration.

⁵ The VWG notes the importance of the comment in the Parking Lot from a number of stakeholders on Section G, paragraphs 1 and 2, related to the need for future consideration of a template or guidance to ensure that all aspects of the instrument are included in the reporting.

⁶ Should the VWG recommend that there be an ad hoc or periodic review group, then the text of this section should be further considered to take into account the functions of that periodic review group and the potential linkages to Sections A and H should be further considered.

⁷ Only one stakeholder group (A Group of NGOs) asked for this paragraph to be retained (please see the summary from the 7th virtual meeting of the VWG held on 14 January 2021).

⁸ Only one stakeholder group (A Group of NGOs) requested this paragraph be included, with support from SDPI.

⁹ If this section impacts the work and mandates of the international conference under Section V. Institutional arrangements and its rule of procedures, those should be updated accordingly. One member of the VWG also called attention in general under this section to the need to ensure consideration of, and potentially consistency with, the rules of procedure.

under Section G (Mechanisms for Taking Stock of Progress) and the results of the periodic evaluations called for by the international conference to review the overall effectiveness of the beyond 2020 instrument.

2. Such updates or revisions may be proposed by any [government] [stakeholder] and will require formal adoption by the international conference. The text of any proposed update or revision shall be communicated to all stakeholders and focal points by the Secretariat at least six months in advance of the international conference. The budget for the process to update or revise the instrument will be provided for via the operational budget adopted by the international conference.