



Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto

Proposal on objectives in support of the 2030 Agenda and related milestones

In general terms, Argentina noted positively the intention of the SAICM to establish objectives in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Argentina encourages all international organizations and initiatives working in any field linked to the sustainable development, aligning their initiatives to contribute to the implementation of 2030 Agenda. This should not prejudice the responsibility of the States of implementing the 2030 Agenda.

It is noted that the document includes a proposal to create five objectives, disaggregated in goals ("milestones/targets"), as well as indicators to measure progress on these goals. In Table 1 these goals are reflected, targets and indicators, in relation to the goals of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) related. Argentina appreciates the interrelation between goals belonging to a wide variety of objectives.

It should be noted, however, that Annex I urged stakeholders to define indicators that are in relation with certain specific goals of the SDGS (for example, reads: What indicators could stakeholders consider in relation to Goal 2, particularly target 2.4"; o "What indicators could stakeholders consider that link to Goal 5, in particular linked to target 5.c").

In this regard, we would like to recall that the indicators for monitoring overall progress in the achievement of the SDG are contained within the overall framework of indicators developed by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Indicators of Sustainable Development Goals approved by the United Nations Statistical Commission (decision 48/101); the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC resolution 2017/7) and the United Nations General Assembly (resolution 71/313).

Argentina does not promote the proliferation of global indicators for monitoring progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda besides of what was agreed at the United Nations. This, in view of the fact that there is the possibility of altering the political balance between the goals, as well as placing undue burden on the statistical capacities of countries, particularly developing countries.

However, there is no objection to the establishment of indicators for follow-up to the objectives that SAICM is establishing for itself, it should be clear that are not establishing new indicators for the SDG or their goals.

We will also like to communicate that Argentina is already working in the field of environmental sound management of chemicals and wastes. We support the four key areas and milestones referred in the document, and we look forward to continue working with the region, in order to strengthen cooperation for achieving these objectives.