Views of the Asia-Pacific as updated on the Co-Chair’s paper and the Report of the Bureau

- With understanding the current difficult situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its adverse effects on the ongoing work of SAICM, we are of the view that making progress on the remaining issues until the IP4 and ICCM5 meetings through acceptable options and framework for all parties is essential.

- Virtual Working Group (VWG) shall not in any way be considered as a formal venue to exchange views. It shall have an informal nature. The members of the VWG would contribute to the outstanding issues as reflected in the Bangkok IP3 meeting compilation document. All inputs and possible outcomes of the VWG shall be forwarded to the IP4 to be considered along with compilation document prepared pursuant to the IP3 which forms the basis for our deliberations and conclusion.

- The VWG at any stage of its work shall consider inputs from all stakeholders;

- The VWG shall be composed of at least seven members from each regional group;

- Taking into account the possible High-Level Declaration (HLD), it is highly expected that the regional groups as represented in the Bureau discuss it first, and then contribute initially on its overall structure and elements. Thereafter, the Bureau based on the contributions made by the regional groups, might consider the appointment of Friends of the President to prepare any possible elements of the HLD to be endorsed by all stakeholders for further decision and appropriate action.

- Pursuant to the aforementioned steps outlined, i.e. seeking regional groups’ contributions on possible elements of HLD, discussion by the Bureau and identification of key elements of possible HLD, thereafter, the President, in consultation with regional groups and taking into account views of the groups, might identify Friends to be appointed in order to discuss the elements and forward the outcome by consensus to the IP4 for consideration and any further decision.

- It should be emphasized that the principle of equitable geographical distribution shall be respected, and the size of the group shall be appropriate and sufficient to allow enhanced participation on HLD by the members of the group.