Statement Switzerland

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Scope

The intersessional process makes recommendations regarding the strategic approach and the SMCW beyond 2020 for consideration by ICCM5.

The ultimate goal being to adopt a universal framework that allows all stakeholders to take action on a voluntary basis.

The framework shall contribute to the achieving the SDGs and the most linked SDG 12.4 directly speaks to the SMC and ‘all waste’.

We are thus convinced that the scope of this voluntary enabling framework should encompass chemicals and waste.

However this doesn't meant that we have to deal with every chemical or every type of waste. By defining targets, indicators, approving PoW or identifying IoC, we can set priorities and focus our action on the areas where action is most needed and most

Objectives / targets

Switzerland believes that the objectives, targets, milestones and indicators of the new framework are a key element.

It is through those elements that the international saicm community expresses the level of ambition and what needs to be done over the next years and decades.

This delegation is in favor of ambitious and concrete targets and milestones. We believe they are needed. WE would like to build on the work done so far.

The objectives and targets also allow to engage all relevant actors. Switzerland has proposed a target on the use on review of existing standards. We believe that is an important element to be included in the framework. This also fits with the proposal by IOMC around the industry engagement. We welcome the IOMC input and encourage IOMC to submit a CRP so that we can consider the proposal.