

## V. Institutional arrangements

### A. International conference [on Chemicals Management]

1. In considering this instrument and its implementation, the functions of the international conference will be:

- (xxx) To adopt its rules of procedure<sup>1</sup>
- (i) To oversee implementation, review progress to address gaps at the national, regional, and international levels, and to take [appropriate] action;
- (ii) To promote the implementation of existing international instruments and programmes on chemicals and waste;
- (iii) To promote cooperation [and synergies] among international instruments and programmes on chemicals and waste;
- (iv) To promote the strengthening of national chemicals and waste management capacities;
- (v) To promote, enhance and support participation by and interaction among stakeholders and sectors in the international conference and in the programme of work;
- (vi) To promote awareness, including based on scientific information, regarding new developments and trends, and to identify and communicate links to sustainable development;
- (vii) To set priorities for the programme of work informed by scientific information;
- (xxx) To consider relevant outcomes from the work of the independent intergovernmental science policy panel that is the subject of UNEA resolution 5/8, once it is established;
- (xxx) To invite, as appropriate, the panel to provide [scientific information and assessments] [inputs on specific issues of concern adopted by the international Conference] [invite the panel to undertake work for the international Conference] for consideration by the Conference;
- (viii)<sup>2</sup> To determine processes to guide appropriate science-based [approaches/action] on issues of [international] concern;
- (ix) To provide guidance to the secretariat and to stakeholders on implementation;
- (x) To establish subsidiary bodies as it finds necessary in accordance with the rules of procedure;
- [(xi)<sup>3</sup> To facilitate the mobilization [and allocation] of sustainable financial and technical resources [and development and transfer of technology under voluntary and mutually agreed terms] for the operation and implementation of the instrument;
- ALT (xi) To promote the implementation of the elements of the integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and waste and make recommendations to address relevant issues;]
- (xii)<sup>4</sup> To receive reports from all relevant stakeholders on progress of implementation [, to assess overall progress] [to assess overall progress [of

<sup>1</sup> This sub-paragraph was agreed to by TG#2 during its discussion on Section VI on Measures to Support Implementation.

<sup>2</sup> There is agreement to return to this sub-paragraph after discussing issues of concern.

<sup>3</sup> Sub-paragraphs (xi) and ALT (xi) has been referred to TG3 on Finance and Capacity-Building on August 29, 2022 for resolution.

<sup>4</sup> There is agreement to return to this sub-paragraph after discussing Section G on reporting.

implementation] based on information from relevant stakeholders] and to disseminate information as appropriate;

(xiii) To evaluate implementation of activities and review progress against the objectives and targets and update the programme of work as appropriate with a view to achieving the vision.

(xiv) [To decide to convene a high-level segment for multisectoral and multistakeholder discussion.]

[2. The international conference should invite stakeholders from the environment, health, labour and agriculture sectors involved in chemicals management and safety issues, as well as strengthening financial support for developing countries and countries with economies in transition to attend to the meeting.]

[3. The international conference should design its agenda with sufficient space that allows meaningful discussions of priorities, gaps and implementation issues faced by different sectors.]

4. The international conference will meet every second year, unless it decides otherwise.

5. Where appropriate, sessions of the conference should be held back-to-back with meetings of the governing bodies of relevant intergovernmental organizations in order to enhance synergies and cost effectiveness.

## **B. Bureau of the international conference**

[1. The international conference should have a Bureau in accordance with the rules of procedure of the international conference. The Bureau should adequately represent the regions of the world as well as the multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral nature of the instrument.]

[1ALT. The international conference should have a Bureau in accordance with the rules of procedure of the international conference. The Bureau should reflect the multistakeholder and multi-sectoral nature of the instrument, and should reflect due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation and to gender balance, as well as to representation from different sectors among government representatives, subject to the relevant rules of procedure.]

## **C. Secretariat<sup>5</sup>**

*1. The functions to be performed by the secretariat under the guidance of the international conference will be:*

*(i) To promote the establishment and maintenance of a network of stakeholders at the national, regional and international levels;*

*(ii) To promote and facilitate the implementation of the [beyond 2020 instrument] [sound management of chemicals and waste], including capacity-building and technical assistance;*

*(iii) To continue to strengthen working relationships with participating organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) and their networks, other United Nations bodies and the secretariats of relevant international agreements in order to draw upon their sectoral expertise;*

*(iv) To facilitate and promote the exchange of relevant scientific and technical information, including the development and dissemination of guidance materials to support stakeholder implementation, as well as provide information clearinghouse services;*

*(v) To facilitate the meetings and intersessional work of the international conference as well as regional meetings, and to disseminate the reports and recommendations of the international conference, including to relevant global and regional organizations and institutions;*

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<sup>5</sup> This section C on the Secretariat was in the mandate for consideration by TG2; however, TG2 did not have time to consider it at IP4. This text remains unchanged from IP3 and was not in the mandate of VWG2.

- (vi) *To support the functioning of technical, policy and scientific subsidiary and ad hoc expert bodies established by the international conference;*
- (vii) *To promote, enhance and support the participation of all sectors and stakeholders in the international conference and the programme of work, including in meetings of the international conference and regional meetings;*
- (viii) *To report to the international conference on implementation by all stakeholders of the 2020 instrument.*