

## V. Institutional arrangements

2. In addition, there is a need for an improved enabling framework for the sound management of chemicals and waste in implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which enhances coherence and complementarity of multilateral policies and actions by all relevant international organisations in this area, including through information of and consideration by UN bodies related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, such as the High Level Political Forum and the UN General Assembly, as appropriate.

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

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

- (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;
- (viii) 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) 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 beyond 2020 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) *To receive reports from all relevant stakeholders on progress of implementation [ , to assess overall progress] and to disseminate information as appropriate;*]
- (xiii) *To evaluate implementation of activities and review progress [based on the indicators] and milestones 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 an international event among governmental stakeholders to discuss issues as agreed.*]<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The proposal is that this subparagraph, if agreed, would replace section V. A. 2 on the high-level segment in its entirety.

2. The international conference will meet every second year, unless it decides otherwise.
3. *The international conference may have a high-level segment for multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder discussion. The function of that segment will be:*
  - (i) *To engage the commitment at the highest possible level of officials and representatives of all stakeholder groups to address the sound management of chemicals and waste;*
  - (ii) *To provide an international forum for governmental stakeholder discussion [ , recommendations] and exchange of experience on chemicals and waste issues, taking into account the 2030 Agenda, with the participation of non-governmental stakeholders in accordance with the applicable rules of procedure;*
  - (iii) *To promote the inclusion of sound management policies for chemicals and waste in national sustainable development plans and in relevant sectoral plans<sup>2</sup>, private sector business plans and the respective budgets;*
  - (iv) *To strengthen [national coordination arrangements and mechanisms as well as] partnerships for chemicals and waste and other relevant aspects at the national, regional and international levels;*
  - [(v) *To strengthen interlinkages, partnerships [ , synergies] and coordination with other stakeholders of the 2030 Agenda, including on issues related to biodiversity, climate change and human rights, at the national, regional and international levels;]*
  - [(vi) *To take concrete action to mobilize financial and technical resources [and transfer of technology on voluntary and mutually agreed terms] for the operation and implementation of the [sound management of chemicals and waste] [beyond 2020 instrument];]*
  - [(vii) *To promote international cooperation to assist, as necessary, stakeholders, in particular developing countries, in overcoming challenges faced by them [on the sound management of chemicals and waste] [in the implementation of the beyond 2020 instrument].]*

[3. *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 beyond 2020 instrument.*

#### **C. Secretariat<sup>3</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;*

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<sup>2</sup> Definitional question raised by the WHO still to be considered.

<sup>3</sup> Text developed at IP3.

- (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;*
- (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 beyond 2020 instrument.*