The Strategic Approach and Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste - Beyond 2020

IP Co-Chairs consultation process to further develop the IP Co-Chairs single consolidated document and discuss other key documents in advance of the resumed IP4 meeting.
Objectives of the meeting on 1 November 2022:

- to share some high-level reflections

- to inform participants of the substantive issues to be considered at IP4.2 to provide a full set of “recommendations” to ICCM 5

- to provide an overview of and to discuss the proposed IP co-chairs consultation process and related timelines
Co-Chairs reflections and legal revision comments:

• Does the consolidated text help us achieve our vision?
• Level of detail on processes varies across the document.
• There are some gaps where additional text is required.
• There is a lack of cohesion between some of the activities and processes.
• Some parts of the document may need to be more easily amended than other.

Legal revision comments:

• The document requires significant editing.
• Acronyms should be spelled out.
• Terminology should be explained and be consistent.
• The correct UN terminology has to be identified and corrected.
• The document structure is consistent with other Conventions.
Consultation questions:

- What are the gaps, enhancements or improvements to be made in the text?

- Does the text adequately strengthen and enhance sectoral and multistakeholder engagement and ownership including for the private sector?

- Does the text fully reflect the ways of working and responsibilities of all stakeholders?

- Could the placement of some text in the document be modified, or moved out of the consolidated text and into a resolution?

- What parts of the document could be considered static versus dynamic i.e., be more easily amended?
Additional recommendations for discussions at the resumed IP4 meeting:

- A policy resolution from ICCM5 on the name and adoption of the new framework.
- An omnibus resolution from ICCM5 on transitional arrangement and early implementation.
- We propose that the IP Co-Chairs prepare a draft text by 15 December 2022.
- Do you agree?
Timeline:

- Tuesday, 1 November 2022: IP Co-Chairs provide an overview of the consultation process with its objectives and relevant timelines.

- 4 November - 2 December 2022: Review period. Consolidated comments from constituencies to be submitted to the SAICM Secretariat via the Bureau.

- 15 December 2022: The update on the consultation process and a draft text on additional recommendations will be provided at the ICCM5 Bureau meeting that will also discuss the way forward ahead of the resumed IP4.

- Following the posting of the documents for the resumed IP4 at the SAICM IP4 website in mid-January 2023, virtual regional briefings will be organized by the SAICM Secretariat in January/February 2023 in consultation with the Bureau members to present the documents.
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