SUBMISSION OF COLOMBIA ON NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION; SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION: AND ENHANCED SECTORAL AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Attending the call for electronic feedback made by the Virtual Working Group on Governance and Mechanisms to Support Implementation, Colombia proposes the following changes to the paragraphs under discussion.

The text and brackets with a drawn line is the one we propose to be deleted and the text in red is the new text we propose to be included. However, it is important to state that Colombia reserves the right to comment again on these points, taking into account that these working sessions are informal and that the country’s position may evolve according to the debates that are generated.

B. NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

Paragraph 2.

To facilitate communication, nationally and internationally, each Government should [designate or develop a network of] [a political and a technical national focal point] [to communicate on the SAICM matters and develop a network at the national level of coordinators] that represent the multi-stakeholder and multisectoral nature of [SAICM] [the instrument to communicate on the sound management of chemicals and waste matters]. This would include invitations to participate in meetings and disseminate information. The national focal points should be representative of the country’s interministerial or inter-institutional arrangements, where such arrangements exist.

Paragraph 3.

To support effective implementation, stronger efforts are required to ensure that national implementation involves the engagement of the appropriate range of stakeholders and sectors (e.g., the health, [environmental], agriculture and labour sectors) to address national priorities.

Paragraph 4.

Colombia supports the inclusion of the proposed paragraph by the cofacilitators with the following changes:

[Reporting back on National Plans.]
Any stakeholder that chooses to create a national plan of action or program of implementation for itself may, when appropriate, report back to the International Conference on Chemicals Management.¹

**Paragraph 5.**

*Colombia recommends the removal of the brackets on this paragraph:*

[All actors/all stakeholders should undertake actions to ensure progress on implementation of targets at the national and subnational level.]

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**C. [INTERNATIONAL,] REGIONAL AND [SUBREGIONAL] SECTORAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION**

*Colombia considers important to maintain the three levels (international, regional, sub-regional).*

**Paragraph 1.**

Priorities and capacities for implementation vary among regions [and] subregions [and countries] according to their different economic and other circumstances.

**Paragraph 2.**

[International,] Regional, interregional and sectoral collaboration play integral roles in supporting the sound management of chemicals and waste at all levels, including among trading partners and other regional organizations.

**Paragraph 3.**

[International and] Regional meetings and coordination mechanisms play an important role in enabling stakeholders in each region to exchange experience and identify priority needs in relation to implementation, as well as to develop regional positions on key issues.

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**D. ENHANCED SECTORAL AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

*Colombia considers that paragraph 10 should go in the Secretariat section and paragraph 11 in the International Conference section.*

**Paragraph 1.**

The involvement [and commitment] of all relevant sectors and stakeholders at the local, national, regional and international levels is important for the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle and waste.

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¹ Subject to further discussions regarding the name of the Beyond 2020 Instrument.
Paragraph 2

At the national level, governments, as appropriate, should [undertake][pursue], in accordance with their laws, regulations and policies, [taking into account their national circumstances.] actions to build or improve regulatory and non-regulatory frameworks and institutional structures and capacities for multi-sectoral coherence [for the sound management of chemicals and wastes][for the implementation of the beyond 2020 instrument], as well as [promote] and [encourage] complementary action by relevant stakeholders.

Paragraph 3.

Relevant regional [conventions,] programmes, bodies and processes, such as health and environmental ministerial forums, should are invited to support and augment such national efforts, fostering coordination and cooperation.

Paragraph 4.

It is also essential that at the international level, relevant international organizations and bodies, in particular the IOMC organizations [and the chemicals and waste-related conventions,] also support national and regional efforts to enable and enhance the participation of stakeholders and sectors and to promote awareness regarding the crosscutting nature of the sound management of chemicals and waste as [an essential element] [a contribution] to achieve the sustainable development goals.

Paragraph 5.

In addition, mindful of the need to avoid duplication and taking into account their respective mandates [and constituencies], [such][relevant] international IOMC organizations and bodies [should be][are] invited to [endorse and adopt][formally recognize][the beyond 2020 instrument] and strengthen their own engagement on [and ownership of] policies and actions for the sound management of chemicals and waste [through establishing a mechanism to coordinate activities and further include them in their programmes of work and budgets], [including coordinating relevant activities and programmes of work] relating to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its sustainable development goals and targets.

Paragraph 6.

The enhanced efforts of all relevant sectors and stakeholders involved in—[the sound management of chemicals throughout their life-cycle and waste][the implementation of the beyond 2020 instrument]—should include increased or improved: (1) actions by members of individual sectors and stakeholders, (2) collaboration between and among key sectoral and stakeholder groups, and (3) multi-stakeholder and multi-sector dialogue throughout the implementation of the beyond 2020 instrument.

Paragraph 7.
Paragraph 11.

The international conference may decide to request periodic updates on the implementation of the contributions from the relevant sectors and stakeholders to consider and assess whether enhanced levels of sectoral and stakeholder engagement have [resulted in progress] toward the achievement of the common objectives and targets or whether particular actions within the beyond 2020 instrument require additional enhancement or engagement.

Paragraph 12.

All efforts to enhance sectoral and stakeholder engagement should be expected to lead to strengthened cooperation and coordination with respect to the [sound management of chemicals and waste] including the [implementation of the beyond 2020 instrument], following a common and shared [and timeless] vision to be adopted by ICCM-5 [... taking into account any engagement] [and endorsed] [and formally recognized] by the UN General Assembly (UNGA), other relevant international bodies such as the governing bodies of the IOMC members, and relevant MEAs [to secure the necessary ownership].

Paragraph 13.

[To improve the multi-sectoral cooperation and coordinating structure focused on chemicals and waste, the IOMC should promote broad membership and participation of relevant intergovernmental bodies, including international organizations and secretariats of chemicals and waste related conventions, and seek guidance from governmental representation from their respective governing bodies to strengthen their sound management of chemicals and waste prioritization, coordination, engagement and support for national implementation, within their respective mandates.]