VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNANCE AND MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION

ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK

TOPICS: NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION; SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION; AND ENHANCED SECTORAL AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

B. NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

Paragraph 2.
To facilitate communication, nationally and internationally, each Government should designate 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 the instrument to communicate on the sound management of chemicals and waste matters.

Paragraph 3.
We agree, the parenthetical should include the environmental sector – please, remove the brackets.

Paragraph 4.
We agree with the proposed sentences.

Paragraph 5.
We agree with the proposed process.

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

Paragraph 1.-4.
We agree with the proposals of the co-facilitators to remove the brackets.

D. ENHANCED SECTORAL AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Paragraph 1.
We propose to remove the brackets “and commitment”.

Additionally, as part of a group of NGOs, other stakeholders and individuals working on women and gender in the frame of the SAICM process, we propose to delete “at the local” as it is vague and can have different interpretation, and to add instead: “including women, workers, youth and indigenous peoples at the community, workplace”.

Proposed sentence (in track changes):

*The involvement and commitment of all relevant sectors and stakeholders including women, workers, youth and indigenous peoples at the community, workplace, national, regional and international levels is important for the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle and waste.*

Argumentation:

We are aware that views are requested only in the existing language in the remaining brackets.

But, in the VWG mandate it is also said that "The task of the VWGs will be to develop proposals on key issues, building on and continuing the work of working groups at IP3 and incorporating relevant written input. They will also make proposals on gaps, if identified.”

Our group identified gaps in D. paragraph 1 that need to be addressed:

From a women and gender perspective, section D. paragraph 1 is relevant to highlight the significant participation of marginalized groups for the aim of "improving multi-stakeholder/multi-sectoral participation” in the future framework.

**Paragraph 2. -10.**

No comments.

**Paragraph 11.**

We agree, with the removal of the brackets.

**Paragraph 12.**

We propose to remove the brackets [and timeless]:

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][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.**

We agree with the removal of the brackets.