VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON TARGETS, INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK

**Group Mandate:** make proposals that progress work on this topic in lead-up to IP4, building on the outcome of the Technical Working Group as presented in meeting documents SAICM/IP.4/3 and SAICM/IP.4/INF/15. Specific tasks include:

(i) Finalize the targets proposal currently set out in SAICM/IP.4/3, with a view to enable multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral commitment and action, where appropriate;

(ii) Develop a set of recommendations for a process to establish indicators and milestones for finalized targets.

**Instructions for providing electronic feedback:**

Please provide electronic feedback on:

- **Part (i)** Existing text for targets under **Strategic Objective A**.
- **Part (ii)** Existing text for targets under **Strategic Objective B**.

Please refer the following meeting documents for more detailed information on each target:

- **SAICM/IP.4/3** - Proposed targets prepared by the Technical Working Group on targets, indicators and milestones for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020
- **SAICM/IP.4/INF/15** - Supplementary information on proposed targets prepared by the Technical Working Group on targets, indicators and milestones for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Please submit your feedback to the SAICM Secretariat at saicm.chemicals@un.org, with a copy to delfina.cuglievan@un.org by Friday, 13 November 2020.
PART (i) Provide feedback on existing text for targets under Strategic Objective A
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**Strategic Objective A:** [Measures are identified, implemented and enforced in order to prevent or, where not feasible, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste];]

**Considerations:** Intended to address the need for all countries to have basic capacity, legal frameworks and institutional mechanisms to manage chemicals and waste, including illegal trafficking thereof, and for other stakeholders, such as industry, to also assume their responsibilities to prevent harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle.

**Target A.1**
Countries/governments develop and periodically review plans to achieve sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste] are identified within SAICM and updated every [xx] years.

**Target A.1.alt**
Measures needed to be implemented to achieve sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle are identified within SAICM and updated every xx years. Considering that there are other stakeholders in SAICM, besides governments, we suggest maintaining the term “governments” in order to clearly separate the responsibilities of each stakeholder. We also think that the life cycle of chemicals already encompasses the term “waste”, so we suggest the adoption of “chemical substances and products throughout their life cycle”. This suggestion also applies to the text of Targets A.2, A.3 and A.4.

In regards to the periodicity, which was not included in the IP4/3 document, we do not think it is convenient to be placed on the target since it depends on the identification of new issues and the national capacities.

**Target A.2**
By [2025], actions to prevent harm from [xx number] specific chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste] are identified by governments and non-governmental stakeholders.¹

We suggest that the deadline of Target A.2 should be placed 5 years prior to the SDGs’ 2030 Achievement Goal. We also think this should be an ongoing identification process.

**Target A.3**
By [2030], measures identified to prevent or, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle [and waste], are implemented and enforced by governments.

The deadline was suggested in accordance to the SDGs’ 2030 Achievement Goal.
Target A.4 By [2030], measures identified to prevent or, minimize harm from chemicals throughout their life cycle (and waste), are implemented by companies.

Target A.5 By [2030], Countries make and meet their commitments and obligations under the provisions of chemicals and waste-related multilateral environmental agreements, as well as health, labour and other relevant instruments.

PART (ii) Provide feedback on existing text for targets under Strategic Objective B

Strategic Objective B: Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible to all to enable informed decisions and actions.

Considerations: Intended to address the need for new information and data to be generated to address gaps and for greater transparency and accessibility, as well as to address the need for training and education to protect all levels of society.

Target B.1 By 2030, comprehensive data and information on chemicals on the global market, throughout their lifecycle, are generated, shared, made available and accessible (are shared).

Target B.2 By 2030 all stakeholders have and are using the most appropriate and standardized tools, guidelines and best available practices for assessments and sound management, as well as for the prevention of harm, risk reduction, monitoring and enforcement.

Target B.3 By 2030, stakeholders have put in place mechanisms to access information and standardized methods to assess, reduce and prevent health impacts at all stages of the chemical life cycle.

Original phrasing for Target B.3 from IP3 Information and standardized methods are available and used to understand the impacts of chemicals and waste for improved burden-of-disease and cost-of-inaction estimates, to inform the advancement of chemical safety measures and to measure progress towards reducing those impacts.

Target B.4 By 2030 educational, training and public awareness programmes on chemical safety, sustainability and safer alternatives have been developed and implemented.