

Thematic Groups Placeholder

Thematic Group 1

Proposed additions to Strategic Objectives of potentially overarching character:

- prevent or where not feasible minimize harm
- to protect human health including that of workers, children, women and the environment
- to protect the environment, animal and human health especially that of women, children and workers.

Proposed additional paragraph in Section IV. Strategic objectives and targets for the sound management of chemicals and waste:

[Bis. In order to achieve these objectives adequate [and sustainable] financial and non-financial resources need to be identified and mobilized; and necessary transparent and accountable partnerships need to be established to foster cooperation among stakeholders]

Thematic Group #2

Thematic Group #2 would like to request that, in order to be addressed during your deliberations for including and managing cross-cutting or higher-level issues in the consolidated single document, the following concepts be placed in the placeholder document for your consideration and safe-keeping:

- International organizations and bodies outside of the future instrument should be invited to strengthen their engagement in the area of sound management of chemicals and waste;
- Engagement, endorsement, and recognition, including formal recognition by the UN General Assembly (UNGA), other relevant international bodies (such as the governing bodies of the IOMC members), and relevant MEAs, of the future instrument is considered to be of high importance to many of the stakeholders; and
- There is a need to review consistency of the use of the terms “should” versus “may” and “should” versus “may invite” at the conclusion of the IP process.

The following two paragraphs were introduced by ITUC during the discussion of Section VI on Mechanisms to Support Implementation in Section D on Enhanced Sectoral and Stakeholder Participation (a third proposed paragraph has been referred to Thematic Group #3 on Finance and Capacity-Building). Initial discussions occurred in Thematic Group #2 on the evening of Thursday, September 1. However, those discussions were not concluded nor conclusive. We would therefore like to request that, in order to be addressed during your deliberations for including and managing cross-cutting or higher-level issues in the consolidated single document, they be placed in the placeholder document for your consideration and safe-keeping.

- Governments, industry [, all economic sectors,] and stakeholders should take [, so far as is practicable,] the [measures] necessary [measures] to achieve a just transition towards an [environmentally] sustainable economy with effective and safe management of chemicals and waste, in order to contribute to the goals of decent work for all, social inclusion [, human rights], and the eradication of poverty.

- Governments should ensure that wherever practicable stringent and protective labour, safety and environmental clauses, including stipulations on safe and sustainable management of chemicals and waste, are included in trade agreements.

Finally, Thematic Group #2 wants to ensure that the issue of gender receives a prominent placement within the future instrument. The following text has been proposed by relevant stakeholders, but has not been the subject of discussion within this thematic group:

- Ensure gender equality, the recognition of women as agents of change and the inclusion of gender considerations in all relevant aspects of [the new instrument] through inter alia the development and implementation of a gender action plan.

Thematic Group 3

The following paragraph was introduced by ITUC during the discussion of Section VI on Mechanisms to Support Implementation in Section D on Enhanced Sectoral and Stakeholder Participation in TG#2 and has been referred to TG#3 for its consideration:

- Financial Institutions, investor relations bodies and pension funds should ensure so far as is practicable that the safe, sound and sustainable management of chemicals and waste is included in loan agreements, safeguarding policies, company policies and investment priorities over which they can exert influence.