

X. Institutional arrangements

A. International Conference on [insert name of framework]

1. In considering this framework and its implementation, the functions of the international conference will be:
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 - (i) To adopt its rules of procedure; *ad ref*
 - (ii) To oversee implementation, review progress to address gaps at the national, regional, and international levels, and to take appropriate action; *ad ref*
 - (iii) To promote the implementation of existing international instruments and programmes on chemicals and waste; *ad ref*
 - (iv) To promote cooperation and coordination among international instruments and programmes on chemicals and waste; *ad ref*
 - (v) To promote the strengthening of national chemicals and waste management capacities; *ad ref*
 - (vi) To promote, enhance and support participation by and interaction among stakeholders and sectors in the international conference and in the programme of work; *ad ref*
 - (vii) To promote awareness, including based on scientific information, regarding new developments and trends, and to identify and communicate links to sustainable development; *ad ref*
 - (viii) To set priorities for the programme of work informed by scientific information; *ad ref*
 - (ix) To consider relevant outcomes from the work of the independent intergovernmental science policy panel that is the subject of UNEA resolution 5/8, once it is established and to invite, as appropriate, that panel to provide scientific information and assessments, and inputs on specific issues of concern adopted by the international Conference, for consideration by the Conference; *ad ref*
 - (x) To determine processes to guide appropriate science-based action on issues of [international] concern; *ad ref*
 - (xi) To provide guidance to the secretariat and to stakeholders on implementation; *ad ref*
 - (xii) To establish subsidiary bodies as it finds necessary in accordance with the rules of procedure; *ad ref*
 - (xiii) To promote the implementation of the elements of the integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and waste and make recommendations to address relevant issues; *ad ref*
 - (xiv) To receive reports from all relevant stakeholders on their implementation of this Framework and to assess, based on the information provided, the overall progress of implementation and disseminate such information, as appropriate. *ad ref*
 - (xv) To evaluate implementation of activities and review progress against the objectives and targets and update the programme of work as appropriate with a view to achieving the vision. *ad ref*
 - (xvi) To decide to convene, as appropriate, a high-level segment for multisectoral and multistakeholder discussion. *ad ref*
 - (xvii) To initiate the process to update or revise the framework, as appropriate. *ad ref* (Note: check consistency with Section XII)
2. The international conference should invite stakeholders from the environment, health, labour and agriculture sectors involved in chemicals management and safety issues to attend the meeting.
3. The international conference should design its agenda in a manner that allows meaningful discussions of priorities, gaps and implementation issues faced by different sectors. *ad ref*
4. The international conference will meet every second year, unless it decides otherwise. *ad ref*
5. Where appropriate, sessions of the conference should be held back-to-back with meetings of the governing bodies of relevant intergovernmental organizations in order to enhance synergies and cost effectiveness. *ad ref*

B. Bureau of the international conference

1. The international conference should have a Bureau in accordance with the rules of procedure of the international conference. The Bureau should reflect the multistakeholder and multi-sectoral nature of the

framework, and should reflect due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation and to gender balance, as well as to representation from different sectors among government representatives, subject to the relevant rules of procedure. *ad ref*

C. Secretariat

1. The functions to be performed by the secretariat under the guidance of the international conference will be: *ad ref*
 - (i) To promote the establishment and maintenance of a network of stakeholders at the national, regional and international levels; *ad ref*
 - (ii) To promote and facilitate the implementation of the framework, including capacity-building and technical assistance; *ad ref*
 - (iii) To continue to strengthen working relationships with participating organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) and their networks, other United Nations bodies and the secretariats of relevant international agreements in order to draw upon their sectoral expertise; *ad ref*
 - (iv) To facilitate and promote the exchange of relevant scientific and technical information, including the development and dissemination of guidance materials to support stakeholder implementation, as well as provide information clearinghouse services; *ad ref*
 - (v) To facilitate the meetings and intersessional work of the international conference as well as regional meetings, and to disseminate the reports and recommendations of the international conference, including to relevant global and regional organizations and institutions; *ad ref*
 - (vi) To support the functioning of technical, policy and scientific subsidiary and ad hoc expert bodies established by the international conference; *ad ref*
 - (vii) To promote, enhance and support the participation of all sectors and stakeholders in the international conference and the programme of work, including in meetings of the international conference and regional meetings; *ad ref*
 - (viii) To report to the international conference on implementation by all stakeholders of the framework. *ad ref*

XI. Taking stock of progress

1. All stakeholders are invited to report to the International Conference, through the Secretariat, on the implementation efforts and the progress of indicators and milestones, and contributions to implement the framework in meeting the strategic objectives and their associated targets toward the vision. By doing so, stakeholders can identify successful outcomes, as well as any gaps or challenges, drive opportunities for scaling up and improvement, share information, and assess the need for enhanced implementation efforts, and, if necessary, further prioritize their engagement and activities. *ad ref*
2. Reporting processes should occur regularly and sufficiently often, as decided by the international conference, to provide for the effective assessment of the progress of the framework in meeting the vision statement. *ad ref*
3. All stakeholders are encouraged to provide information related to their implementation efforts. Such information should be provided in an organized, transparent and accessible online tool, consistent with any guidance or template provided by the international conference. Such information may also include reporting on voluntary commitments, as well as pledges or similar activities. *ad ref*
4. The Secretariat should prepare a compilation of the reports received for presentation to the International Conference and to the public in a form that helps visualization of the progress of the framework in a communicable manner. *ad ref*
5. The International Conference may invite the sharing of data and information from complementary reporting processes of relevant agreements, initiatives, and the IOMC and other organizations in order to take into consideration, as appropriate, any linkages with such agreements, initiatives, or organizations and to minimize the reporting burden for all stakeholders, as well as to avoid duplicative effort. *ad ref*
6. Responsible organizations may be invited by the International Conference to analyze progress against the targets and strategic objectives through impacts indicators of the framework and report to the International Conference. The secretariat may invite stakeholders to provide supplementary information and collate and forward relevant information to responsible organizations for evaluation. Stakeholders are encouraged to

provide supplementary information to the secretariat when invited to do so. *ad ref*

7. The overall effectiveness of the framework should be independently evaluated in accordance with terms of reference to be agreed to by the international conference. This overall evaluation should take place as decided by the international conference. *ad ref*
8. [A [measurability structure] at Annex C illustrates the different categories of indicators that may be used to track progress and impact of the framework.]