The EU+MS thank the co-facilitators for their efforts, the excellent moderation of the virtual discussion and for the proposal below for a way forward regarding financial considerations. It should be noted that the written feedback already given by the EU+MS remains valid. In order to avoid repetition it is referenced here, in addition.

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Mandate: Make proposals that progress work in lead-up to IP4.

Using the compilation text of recommendations from the outcome of IP3 regarding SAICM (SAICM/IP.4/2) and taking into account the written submissions and views presented at the 1st and 2nd virtual meetings of the VWG4 held on 18 November 2020 and 16 December 2020, the co-facilitators have developed proposals for text and the removal of brackets on the sections under the mandate of this VWG for electronic feedback.

The co-facilitators have not suggested proposals for Section B. Private sector involvement. The outcome of IP3 on this section was addressed in the small group, established under the VWG, and which met on 17 December 2020, moderated by ICCA. The small group also addressed in more detail an ICCA proposal for the establishment of a Capacity building Clearinghouse. Notes of the small group meeting will be shared with the VWG well in advance of its 3rd meeting for further consideration.

In your electronic input on the co-facilitators proposal below please identify clearly to which paragraph your comments belong. You are invited to insert your answers or views below each item upon which you wish to provide your input.

The deadline for written submissions is 11 January 2021.

Background documents:

SAICM/IP.4/2 Compilation of recommendations regarding the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, for consideration by the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management
A. CHAPEAU TO SECTION VII ON FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS (Page 14)

Based on the written inputs and views that have been heard during the meetings of the Virtual Working Group on Financial Considerations, the co-facilitators recommend adding a chapeau paragraph to section VII on Financial considerations, as proposed below.

[Adequate, predictable and sustainable financing, technical assistance and technology transfer are essential to achieve the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development responding to the relevant objectives and targets of the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020. The participation of representatives of all involved sectors at national, regional and international levels should be ensured in the integrated approach to financing of chemicals and waste].

The proposal is acceptable for the EU+MS.

B. CLEARINGHOUSE MECHANISM TO PUBLICLY TRACK DEVELOPMENT AID (Page 14)

Based on the written inputs and views that have been heard during the meetings of the Virtual Working Group on Financial Considerations, the co-facilitators recommend the removal of the brackets on this paragraph. The co-facilitators would like to note that there is also a parallel discussion on the establishment of a Capacity building Clearinghouse and there is the possibility for these two systems to be merged. However, at this point, comments are requested only on the text regarding the Clearinghouse mechanism to track development aid and other possible sources of funding.

[The Clearinghouse mechanism will publicly track development aid and other possible sources of financing for the sound management of chemicals and waste.]

The EU+MS does not consider feasible to track development aid by a clearinghouse mechanism, if established, as we see this is a task for the development assistance community and the resource implications of this extensive task remain unclear. EU+MS could accept a mapping of funding sources as this would be useful.

C. MAINSTREAMING (Page 15, Section A)

Paragraph 6. Paragraph 6 contain a very limited set of brackets. Views are requested only on existing language in the remaining brackets, with the aim of recommending clean text.
Governments should implement actions to promote further mainstream the sound management of chemicals and waste in national development plans, domestic budgets and relevant sector policies. For developing countries and countries with economies in transition, the mainstreaming of their national chemicals and waste priorities into the development planning processes for funding as part of official development assistance [may] [will] [should] increase their access to [significant] funding for national priorities in relation to chemicals and waste.

The EU+MS are in favor of using will and can accept significant.

**Paragraph 7.** Paragraph 7 is currently in brackets. Based on the discussion at IP-3 and the written inputs and views that have been heard during the meetings of the Virtual Working Group on Financial Considerations, the co-facilitators recommend the removal of the brackets on this entire paragraph. Views are also requested on the existing language in brackets, with the aim of recommending clean text.

[Countries should [strive] [seek] to mainstream the sound management of chemicals and waste into their development aid priorities.] [Governing bodies of international, regional and national development banks are encouraged to also expressly integrate sound management of chemicals and waste activities in the scope of activities they fund.]

— [strive] or [seek]

EU and its MS see no need for neither of the bracketed terms as the language of the Integrated Approach is clear, stating that all governments should mainstream SMCW into their development plans and priorities. If either of the term is kept, the meaning should not fall behind the ambition of the agreed Integrated Approach. Of the two options, EU+MS prefer strive as the stronger language, underpinning the importance of mainstreaming SMCW.

EU+MS have additional editorial modifications to propose to the paragraph, i.e. replacing countries by governments and development aid by development assistance. Thus we do not support the removal of the brackets on the entire paragraph at this stage although we fully support the idea of the paragraph.
D. DEDICATED EXTERNAL FINANCING (Page 16, Section C)

Paragraph 12. Paragraph 12 is currently in brackets. Based on the discussion at IP-3 and the written inputs and views that have been heard during the meetings of the Virtual Working Group on Financial Considerations, the co-facilitators recommend the removal of the brackets on this paragraph. In addition, views are sought on the existing language in brackets, with an aim of recommending clean text.

[Stakeholders should [secure funds] [further strengthen the component of dedicated external financing], including development assistance aid, from innovative donor sources, which can be facilitated by mainstreaming at the national level.]

— [secure funds] [further strengthen the component of dedicated external financing].

The EU+MS support the proposal to remove the brackets on this paragraph and to use the term further strengthen... instead of secure funds. We also propose to use the term “development assistance” instead of the current formulation in the text.

Paragraphs 13 and 14. Paragraphs 13 and 14 are currently in brackets. Based on the discussion at IP-3 and the written inputs and views that have been heard during the meetings of the Virtual Working Group on Financial Considerations, there are divergent views on the establishment of an International Fund. Therefore, the co-facilitators propose to leave these paragraphs in brackets and no further comments are requested at this point.

Paragraph 15. Paragraph 15 is currently in brackets. Based on the discussion at IP-3 and the written inputs and views that have been heard during the meetings of the Virtual Working Group on Financial Considerations, the co-facilitators recommend the removal of the brackets on this paragraph. In addition, views are sought on the existing language in brackets, with an aim of recommending clean text.

[Donors should [further strengthen the component of dedicated external financing to support the establishment of mechanisms for domestic resource mobilization], including, for example, through contributions to support the Global Environment Facility and other multilateral, regional and bilateral sources of financing, and to support the effective implementation of the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the Minamata Convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals and Waste Management.]

[continue to]

The EU+MS support the intention but are of the opinion that the paragraph merits further discussion and that it would benefit from the modifications proposed above in revision mode.

Paragraph 16. Paragraph 16 is currently in brackets. This paragraph was not discussed extensively at IP-3. The co-facilitators seek stakeholders’ views on this paragraph.
[All stakeholders recommend to UNEA that the Special Programme should be reformed to adjust to the multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral nature and scope of the Strategic Approach.]

The brackets should be kept as further discussion is needed, on the concrete intentions and the practical implications of this proposal. It should also be considered that it is the responsibility of UNEA to decide about a possible reform of the Special Programme and its details.

E. ESTABLISHMENT OF AND ENGAGEMENT IN MULTISECTORAL PARTNERSHIPS
(Please 16, paragraph 17)

Paragraph 17. Paragraph 17 has a number of brackets. Based on the written inputs and views that have been heard during the meetings of the Virtual Working Group on Financial Considerations, the co-facilitators have proposed the deletion of “issues of concern” and replaced it more generally to “sound management of chemicals and waste”. Views are also requested on the existing language in brackets.

Stakeholders are encouraged to create and implement multi-sectoral [transparent and accountable] partnerships [linked to the 2030 Agenda] to effectively address the sound management of chemicals and waste. Stakeholders are also encouraged to explore funding opportunities by engaging mechanisms in all sectors.

— [transparent and accountable]
— [linked to the 2030 Agenda]

EU+MS support the replacement proposed by the co-facilitators and to remove the brackets around transparent and accountable as well as on linked to the 2030 Agenda.

F. FINANCING THE SECRETARIAT (Page 16, paragraphs 18-22)

Paragraphs 18. Paragraphs 18 is currently in brackets. Based on the discussion at IP-3 and the written inputs and views that have been heard during the meetings of the Virtual Working Group on Financial Considerations, the co-facilitators recommend the removal of brackets on this paragraph and substitute [industry] by [all] in the last sentence to encourage contributions from all stakeholders and sectors, as unanimously proposed.

[A core budget for the beyond 2020 instrument is identified covering staff costs for non-seconded staff, office costs and travel costs, for the Secretariat, conference services and meetings. The core budget is financed by voluntary contributions from the governments and all stakeholders.]

EU+MS support the proposals to replace industry by all and to remove the brackets on this paragraph. Editorially, governments should be used as the plural form.

Paragraphs 19-22. Paragraphs 19-22 are currently in brackets. Based on the discussion at IP-3 and the written inputs and views that have been heard during the meetings of the Virtual Working Group on
Financial Considerations, the co-facilitators seek the stakeholders’ views on the alternative text below which takes into account the proposals made by Canada and Japan to streamline the text and specify the types of contributions rather than category of stakeholders. The indicative reference to the UN scale of assessment is proposed to be left on brackets as there are divergent views on this point. Views on the new proposed paragraphs 19 and 20 are sought.

19. Before the start of each year the Secretariat invites each government stakeholder, via its national focal point, to make a voluntary financial contribution [and provides a figure showing what that contribution would be according to the UN scale of assessment. Countries are encouraged to contribute at least this amount.]

20. All stakeholders support the work of the Secretariat by voluntarily contributing financial and in-kind resources, as appropriate, including but not limited to:

   a) supporting the work of the Secretariat through voluntary financial contributions.

   b) supporting the work of the Secretariat by contributing in-kind resources, including through secondment as appropriate, and sector related work of the secretariat.

   c) supporting the work of the Secretariat through hosting meetings, sector participation at meetings, support for production and dissemination of outputs of the beyond 2020 instrument.

Where possible, the contributions are defined at the beginning of the budget cycle by an agreement between the respective organization and the Secretariat.

The new proposals for alternative text for paragraphs 19 and 20 are acceptable and the EU+MS reiterate support for applying the UN scale of assessment to estimate voluntary contributions of governments, and for developing a comparable reference to determine indicative contributions of non-governmental stakeholders.

Paragraphs 21 and 22 are proposed to be deleted.

The deletions are supported, provided the term all stakeholders in the new proposal for paragraphs 19 and 20 is kept.