CANADA’s INPUT : VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNANCE AND MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION

REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK

TOPIC: SUBSIDIARY AND AD HOC BODIES

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

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2020

Note: Please submit your responses/feedback to the questions below to the SAICM Secretariat at saicm.chemicals@un.org, with a copy to jose.demesa@un.org and marijana.todorovic@un.org on or before Monday, 30 November 2020. You may use this word document to submit your inputs. Indicate your name and organization.

Using the compilation text of recommendations from the outcome of IP3 regarding SAICM (SAICM/IP.4/2), which can be found in the documents section of the website related to this Virtual Working Group at http://www.saicm.org/Beyond2020/IntersessionalProcess/VirtualWorkingGroups/tabid/8563/language/en-US/Default.aspx, the co-facilitators request electronic input on Section (E): Subsidiary and Ad Hoc Expert Bodies (please see page 11) with the following instructions:

Please provide your general views, not to exceed 1 page, on the discussion presented in SAICM/IP.4/2, page 11, Section VI.E, paragraphs 1 –2. Please note that the co-facilitators are not requesting redline changes to the current compilation text, but rather seeking views on what issues this section should or could address. Based on the input received, further consideration of this section will take place at the 5th virtual meeting scheduled for 17 December 2020 meeting.

In your submission, please consider addressing:

- Whether there is a need for subsidiary and ad hoc expert bodies
- How such bodies would be established and by whom
- Who would participate in such bodies
- What role would such bodies play
- What responsibilities would such bodies have and to whom
- Other relevant issues raised in SAICM/IP.4/2, Section VI.E, paragraphs 1 –2

As agreed by the Bureau, relevant documents for this Virtual Working Group may include:

- 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
- SAICM/IP.4/INF/4 Promoting multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral participation – Summary of known obstacles and possible incentives
- SAICM/IP.4/INF/5 Stakeholder input on contributions to achieve enhanced sectoral and stakeholder engagement for beyond 2020
- SAICM/IP.4/INF/6/Rev.1 Stakeholder workshop on strengthening governance for the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020: Summary Document
- SAICM/IP.3/5/Corr.1 Other mechanism to support implementation prepared by the co-chairs of the intersessional process – corrigendum
- SAICM/IP.3/INF/4 Submission from the German Environment Agency – Enhancing the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020
CANADA’S INPUT on SECTION E: SUBSIDIARY AND AD HOC BODIES

CANADA’s INPUT:
Subsidiary bodies and ad hoc bodies will be needed to help implement the various elements identified thus far within the Beyond 2020 instrument:

- Subsidiary bodies should be established by the international conference, as needed, in accordance with the existing rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure (not withstanding that all Rules of Procedures will likely need to be reviewed to ensure they are aligned with, reflect and/or address the agreed to needs of the Beyond 2020 instrument).
- The international conference would define the mandate and the role and responsibilities of the subsidiary body.
- The subsidiary body would report to the international conference as the decision-making governing body. Outputs could be shared on the SAICM website and clearing house mechanism: the Knowledge platform.
- Expert participation in subsidiary bodies should be multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder and tailored to its scope. Nominations of experts should be open to all stakeholders.

This approach would ensure that subsidiary bodies’ output(s) best respond to specific issues and needs, be it the production of a report, the formulation of recommendations, or anything else. Some of the possible functions needed for the Beyond 2020 instrument are identified in Section E, paragraph 2. we would like to add: 1) providing horizon scanning/ foresight/ early warning mechanism; 2) assess progress and the need for further work in addressing issues of concerns, 3) monitoring and supporting assessments for taking stock of progress or updating the framework, including developing and improving indicators.

With regard to subsidiary bodies dealing with issues of concern, the language in section E should reflect the outcome of the Issues of Concern VWG discussions.