Feedback of the EU and its Member States regarding the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Virtual Working Group on Governance and Mechanisms to support implementation

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Mechanisms to support implementation, Section E. Subsidiary and ad hoc expert bodies

The Co-facilitators of the Virtual Working Group on Governance and Mechanisms to support Implementation requested feedback on text from SAICM/IP.4/2, page 11, Section VI.E, paragraphs 1 – 2.

The EU and its Member States believe that the establishment of subsidiary bodies, including possible ad hoc bodies, is fully covered by the existing Rules of Procedure, in particular Rule 23. To this end, there is no need to recommend text which interferes with these Rules of Procedure.

Therefore, we propose deletion of paragraphs 1 and 2 and insertion of a new paragraph 1 to make the ability to establish subsidiary bodies as entailed in Rule 23 of the RoP as follows.

“Subsidiary bodies may be established in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.”

With reference to the mandate for this Virtual Working Group –(v): consider subsidiary and ad hoc bodies, including the OEWG–, the EU and its Member States would like to reiterate that we find OEWG essential for the preparation of ICCM and that time is needed inbetween these meetings to take place to make sure work can be carried out. Therefore, it is worthwhile to consider addressing the continuous need for an OEWG as a subsidiary body of the future Conference; and to this end further consider

a. the preparation of a draft resolution, which adjusts the text of II/6 as appropriate for consideration by ICCM5 towards subsequent sessions of the Conference; or alternatively

b. establishing the OEWG as a permanent element of institutional arrangements next to the Conference, Secretariat and Bureau.

At this stage the EU and its Member States are not providing a final opinion but would appreciate a discussion in the Virtual Working Group.