Virtual Working Group on Governance and Mechanisms to support Implementation

Submission on the request for electronic feedback on the remaining parts of Section D
Topic: Enhanced Sectoral and Stakeholder Engagement

Submission from the following organizations and stakeholders:

Health and Environment Justice Support (HEJSupport)
Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC)
Pesticide Action Network (PAN International)
groundWork South Africa
Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)
Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)
Toxisphera
Commonweal
BUND/Friends of the Earth, Germany
German NGO Forum on Environment and Development

All text highlighted in yellow is from our submission requested by the Secretariat, submitted in May and re-submitted in November 2020. Please include this text as bracketed text.

VI. Mechanisms to support implementation

D. Enhanced sectoral and stakeholder engagement

Paragraph 1.[and commitment] [The involvement and commitment of all relevant sectors and all relevant stakeholders – including social and environmental organisations, women, youth, workers and indigenous groups – at the local, national, regional and international levels is important for the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle and waste].

Please remove brackets around “and commitment”.

Paragraph 2. At the national level, governments, as appropriate, should [undertake][pursue], in accordance with their laws, regulations and policies, [taking into account their national circumstances,] actions to build or improve regulatory and non-regulatory frameworks and institutional structures and capacities for multi-sectoral coherence [for the sound management of chemicals and wastes][in the implementation of the beyond 2020 instrument], as well as [promote][encourage] complementary action by relevant stakeholders.
Paragraph 4. It is also essential that at the international level, relevant international organizations and bodies, in particular the IOMC organizations [and the chemicals and waste-related conventions,] also support national and regional [and subregional] efforts to enable and enhance the participation of stakeholders and sectors and to promote awareness regarding the crosscutting nature of the sound management of chemicals and waste as [an essential element] [a contribution] to achieve the sustainable development goals.

We have seen the Co-facilitators comment, but please retain “an essential element” as bracketed text.

Paragraph 5. In addition, mindful of the need to avoid duplication and taking into account their respective mandates, [and constituencies], [such] [relevant] international organizations and bodies [should be] [are] invited to [endorse and adopt] [formally recognize] [the beyond 2020 instrument] and strengthen their own engagement on [and ownership of] policies and actions for the sound management of chemicals and waste [through establishing a mechanism to coordinate activities and further include them in their programmes of work and budgets], [including coordinating relevant activities and programmes of work] relating to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its sustainable development goals and targets.

We have seen the Co-facilitators’ comment but do not agree with deleting paragraph 5. This paragraph embodies the vision of greater ownership, engagement, and coordination between IOMC members and beyond. This paragraph should be retained for negotiation.

Paragraph 13. We support the removal of the brackets around paragraph 13, but not the Canadian proposal, as it misses the chemicals and waste conventions and the national level. Please retain paragraph 13.