2nd Virtual Meeting (3rd step in the VWG process)

Virtual Group on Governance and Mechanisms to Support Implementation

5 November 2020 from 14:00 – 16:00 CET/1800 – 2000 hrs. Pak. Time

Please, with reference to the full original texts of the relevant paragraphs of the sections G & H, document SAICM/IP.4/2, as requested, our proposals on the text/s are shared in the text below (in Bold & Green).

Thanks –

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan/Dr. Mahmood A. Khwaja (MAK)

- Open discussion on Mechanisms to Support Implementation

1 Section G: Mechanisms for Taking Stock of Progress

Consideration of concepts presented in SAICM/IP.4/2, pages 12 –13, Section VI.G, paragraphs 1 –14, under the following areas:

- Paragraph 1: What is the purpose of taking stock of progress?

  VI G (1) (a) needs some clarification, with regard to whether the purpose of taking stock of progress is the party/country “Specific National Objectives/Targets” or the SAICM broad umbrella objectives/targets. (SDPI/MAK)

- Paragraphs 4 –5: What are the key building blocks needed to take stock of progress?

  Paragraph 5. We strongly feel that the assistance from a panel or body of experts is essential for a better clarity and quality of the final report. We suggest removing of the brackets of the text as well as limited to “to be created” (if deemed needed be deleted or retained with brackets). (SDPI/MAK)

- Paragraphs 6 –10: How will the information on taking stock of progress be presented?

  In Paragraph 6 “Timely Fashion” mentioned is too open, broad & wage and in para 7 no time is mentioned at all. We recommend some specific time for the availability of the report and for the preparation of national implementation report (NIR), as it would enable scheduling of meeting and getting confirmation of availability of the relevant stakeholders, for participation/discussion/follow ups on the available report and NRP. (SDPI/MAK)

- Paragraphs 11 –12: What is the process and duration for reporting?

  In Paragraph 11, we suggest 3 years, as the review process may also take some time.

  From paragraph 12, it is not clear whether the proposed time (3-4 years) is for the NIR or it is for the report referred to in Paragraph 5. (SDPI/MAK)
o Paragraphs 13 –14: What mechanisms are needed to review the effectiveness of the reporting?

_We suggest use of a specially designed “Reporting Format,” (with identified essential reporting elements, as identified in G 2 (b), by national government/party through a respective national expert/stakeholders committee (with helpful guidelines from the secretariat for the same) or the same, just one, proposed for all parties, by the Secretariat._ (SDPI/MAK)

o Paragraphs 2 -3: What are the roles and responsibilities of the different bodies?

_Please for the Secretariat, the role as under 13-14 above (SDPI/MAK)_

o Is something missing?

_For clarification, we suggest to include that “Submission of both electronic/hard copy” or either of the two may be included._ (SDPI/MAK)

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**Open discussion on Mechanisms to Support Implementation Section H: Mechanisms for Updating the Framework**

_Consideration of concepts presented in SAICM/IP.4/2, page 16, Section VI.H, paragraph 1_

H 1

_We suggest “Updating Framework” not subject to need or changes but periodically after 5 years._ (SDPI/MAK)

H 1 (i) – (vi) – _we agree and support_ (SDPI/MAK)

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We continue to appreciate and thank again IOMC for the opportunity offered to us, to contribute to IP on SAICM beyond 2020, by sharing our thoughts/comments and suggestions.

Our appreciative thanks also go to the Co-facilitators, for providing their valuable proposed text & suggestions/comments on the DuC.

We hope our inputs (as above) are helpful/useful, inshallah.

Wishing all the very best

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