VWG Governance and Mechanism of Implementation

Submission Switzerland on Co-facilitators Proposed Draft for Section G: Mechanism for Taking Stock of Progress

General comment:

In our reading, the current text refers to different three types of tacking stock that are: Periodic reviews, reports from stakeholders and an effectiveness evaluation. It might be important and helpful to discuss how these three elements would be interlinked.

Regarding reporting, Switzerland is of the view that reporting is important while it should not lead to the duplication of existing arrangements and should not duplicate reporting on existing arrangements but rather look for synergetic approaches. As well we consider it important that findings from reporting processes are assessed to identify actions, adjustments etc.

Para 1:

We take note that the text is phrased in positive way and is focusing on progress and achievements. However assessing progress should also include short coming or gaps that help to gain a full picture.

“All stakeholders are encouraged to contribute to the assessment of the progress of the instrument in meeting the vision statement by providing information on their implementation efforts to meet the strategic objectives and their associated targets, taking into account the indicators and milestones. By doing so, stakeholders can identify successful outcomes, short comings and gaps, and drive opportunities for improvement, share information, and assess the need for enhanced implementation efforts, and, if necessary, further prioritize their engagement and activities.”

Para 3bis:

We took note that the concept of a “voluntary peer review” was included in what the co-chairs referred to as “parking lot”. We suggest to include it directly in the text as an option under 3bis (d).

Co-facilitators’ Proposed Draft for Section H: Mechanism for Updating the Framework

Para 1:

Switzerland considers it as important that this para is not limiting the competences of the ICCM. As example if a process over at least two ICCM’s conferences is required to update the Beyond 2020 framework, we are concerned that this could be a limitation of the current competences of the ICCM. We appreciate if this concerns is addressed and checked if this para would interfere with the current RoP or current processes to update SAICM such as IoC / EPI’s.

Note: As the VWG couldn’t go through the two texts entirely, we might come back with further comments at a later stage.