Section G: Taking Stock of Progress (clean version)

Note from the co-facilitators

Below is the non-redlined version of Section G. In addition to removing the redlines and accepting the corrections proposed by the VWG at its 7th virtual meeting held on 14 January 2021, the text below meets the request to the co-facilitators to place the text in a logical order. The co-facilitators request the views of the VWG with respect to the proposed order, noting that the revised order has highlighted the need further review and editing at the next stage of the process to reduce redundancies and provide needed clarifications. Please note that solely for the purposes of consistency with the redlined document and the 7th virtual meeting of the VWG held on 14 January 2021, the paragraph numbers remain unchanged from previous versions of this section.

Section G: Taking Stock of Progress

1. All stakeholders are [encouraged][invited] to contribute to the assessment of the progress of the beyond 2020 instrument\(^1\) 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, milestones, and contributions of all relevant sectors. By doing so, stakeholders can identify successful outcomes, as well as any gaps or [shortcomings][challenges], drive opportunities for scaling up and improvement, share information, and assess the need for enhanced implementation efforts, and, if necessary, further prioritize their engagement and activities.

12.\(^2\) Reporting processes should occur regularly and sufficiently often to provide for the effective assessment of the progress of the beyond 2020 instrument in meeting the vision statement.

2. All stakeholders should provide information related to their implementation efforts to\(^3\) the Secretariat for its compilation, [analysis], and presentation of the report to the international conference. Stakeholders should provide such information in an organized and transparent manner, consistent with any guidance or template provided by the international conference. Such information may also include reporting on voluntary commitments as well as pledges or similar activities.

3. The information provided by stakeholders should focus on efforts to implement the agreed strategic objectives and targets, taking into account the indicators, milestones, and contributions from all relevant sectors.\(^4\)

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\(^1\) Brazil notes that for all the recommendations of the VWG, there is not yet agreement nor a final decision on the name or form of the Strategic Approach. Therefore, it will be important to ensure that once such a decision is made, the terminology currently noted as “the beyond 2020 instrument” will need to be revised.

\(^2\) As this Section is considered, it is important to note that the timeframes for the reporting and the assessment of information and data provided in Section G and updating process in Section H will need to be harmonized and, therefore, should be discussed together.

\(^3\) The VWG requests that both the task of receiving reporting from stakeholders and the task of reporting to the international conference on the progress of the instrument in attainment of the strategic objectives and targets be referred to the next stage of the process for consideration under Part V on Institutional Arrangement and, in particular, Section C on the role of the Secretariat. Text similar to “Receive reports from all relevant stakeholders on progress of implementation efforts and to disseminate such information as appropriate” and “Reporting to the international conference on the progress of the instrument in attainment of the strategic objectives and targets” (this task would include the compilation, [analysis,] and presentation of a report for the international conference) could be placed in brackets in Part V, Section C, and identified as an issue flagged for consideration by VWG2.
sectors to allow the international conference\textsuperscript{4} to assess the progress in implementing the beyond 2020 framework and in fulfilling the vision in a comprehensive manner.

3\textsubscript{ter} Stakeholder data and information should be made available and be able to be shared publicly to allow for a comprehensive and cooperative review\textsuperscript{5} by the international conference of the overall progress in achieving the vision, strategic objectives, and targets, as well as to propose recommendations to address any identified gaps.

5\textsubscript{bis} The beyond 2020 instrument invites the sharing of data and information from complementary reporting processes of relevant agreements, initiatives, and the IOMC and other organizations in order to take into consideration, as appropriate, any linkages with such agreements, initiatives, or organizations and to minimize the reporting burden for all stakeholders.

6\textsuperscript{[3bis.} Institutional arrangements for taking stock of progress on the sound management of chemicals and waste should include a multi-stakeholder periodic review process, facilitated by the secretariat, to review progress and, in cooperation with the Secretariat, prepare the report for the international conference that summarizes implementation progress and outlines recommendations.\]

7\textsuperscript{[6.} These reports should facilitate discussion among stakeholders and allow for adaptation and response to any issues of concern.\]

14. The overall effectiveness of the beyond 2020 instrument should also be independently evaluated. This overall effectiveness evaluation should take place [after sufficient time has elapsed] [as decided by the international conference] [[possibly [in conjunction with] [at the same time as] the review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.]

\textsuperscript{4} The VWG notes the need to ensure in Section A (Part V) that the international conference is tasked with evaluating and reporting on the implementation of programmes that are fulfilling the vision with a view to reviewing progress on the strategic objectives and targets, and updating the programme of work as necessary. The VWG refers this task to the next stage of the process for consideration.

\textsuperscript{5} Should the VWG recommend that there be an ad hoc or periodic review group, then the text of this section should be further considered to take into account the functions of that periodic review group and the potential linkages to Sections A and H should be further considered.

\textsuperscript{6} Only one stakeholder, A Group of NGOs, asked for this paragraph to be retained (please see the summary from the 7\textsuperscript{th} virtual meeting of the VWG held on 14 January 2021).

\textsuperscript{7} Only one stakeholder, A Group of NGOs, requested this paragraph be included, with support from SDPI.