Section G: Taking Stock of Progress (redline version)

Note from the co-facilitators

Below is the redline version of Section G, based on the corrections proposed by the VWG at its 7th virtual meeting of the VWG held on 14 January 2021 (the summary and the live recording of the virtual meeting are available on the SAICM website). Please note that solely for the purposes of consistency with 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: Mechanisms for Taking Stock of Progress

1. All stakeholders are [encouraged][invited] to contribute to the assessment of the progress of the beyond 2020 instrument¹ 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], and drive opportunities for scaling up and improvement, share information, scaling up, and assess the need for enhanced implementation efforts, and, if necessary, further prioritize their engagement and activities.

2. All stakeholders should provide information related to their implementation efforts to the Secretariat for its compilation, [analysis] [consideration], and development presentation of the report for 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 to allow the international conference³ to assess the progress in implementing the beyond 2020 framework and in fulfilling the vision in a comprehensive manner.

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 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 attaining 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 attaining the strategic objectives and targets” (this task would include the compilation, [analysis], [consideration] and development, as well as dissemination, 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.

³ The VWG notes the need to ensure in Section A (of 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 and refers such to the next stage of the process for consideration.
3ter Stakeholder data and information should be made available and be able to be shared publicly to allow for a comprehensive and cooperative review 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.

5bis 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.

5bis These reports should also be made available to stakeholders in a timely fashion to facilitate discussion among stakeholders and allow for adaptation and response to any issues of concern.

12. Reporting processes should occur regularly and sufficiently often at such a frequency to provide for the effective assessment of the progress of the beyond 2020 instrument in meeting the vision statement.

14. The overall effectiveness of the beyond 2020 instrument should also be independently evaluated, taking into account the reported stakeholder data and information presented by the Secretariat and evaluated by the international conference. 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.]

9bis 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.

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4 (moved from footnote 6 or 7) Should the VWG recommend that there should be an ad hoc or periodic review group, then the text of this section, in sub para e on “allowing for ad hoc review of activities, particularly for the purpose of amending or updating to better align with global chemicals and waste management trends and advancements” should be further considered to take into account the as a functions of that periodic review group and the potential linkages to Sections A and H and A should be further considered.

5 Only one stakeholder (Group of NGOs) requested this paragraph be included, with support from SDPI.

6 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.

7 One stakeholder (Group of NGOs) requested this paragraph remain (brackets added by co-facilitators) until it is able to see revised paragraph 3 to confirm content.

8 Should the VWG recommend that there should be an ad hoc or periodic review group, then the text in sub para e on “allowing for ad hoc review of activities, particularly for the purpose of amending or updating to better align with global chemicals and waste management trends and advancements” should be further considered as a function of that periodic review group and the potential linkages to Sections H and A should be further considered. (moved to earlier in the text in paragraph 3ter)

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