VIRTUAL WORKING GROUP ON TARGETS, INDICATORS AND MILESTONES

THIRD REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK

**Group Mandate:** Make proposals that progress work on this topic in lead-up to IP4, building on the outcome of the Technical Working Group as presented in meeting documents SAICM/IP.4/3 and SAICM/IP.4/INF/15. Specific tasks include:

(i) Finalize the targets proposal currently set out in SAICM/IP.4/3, with a view to enable multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral commitment and action, where appropriate;

(ii) Develop a set of recommendations for a process to establish indicators and milestones for finalized targets.

**Instructions for providing electronic feedback:**

Please provide electronic feedback on:

Part (i) General comments and proposed text edits to existing text on targets under Strategic Objective C.

Part (ii) General comments on co-facilitators proposal for a process to establish indicators and milestones.

Please refer the following meeting documents for more detailed information on each target:

- **SAICM/IP.4/3** - Proposed targets prepared by the Technical Working Group on targets, indicators and milestones for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020
- **SAICM/IP.4/INF/15** - Supplementary information on proposed targets prepared by the Technical Working Group on targets, indicators and milestones for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

Please submit your feedback, if possible in a Microsoft Word file to the SAICM Secretariat at saicm.chemicals@un.org, with a copy to delfina.cuglievan@un.org by 21 December 2020.
PART (i) Provide general comments and b) proposed text edits on existing text for targets under Strategic Objective C

*please try to insert comments in revisions mode below*

**Strategic Objective C:** Issues of concern [that warrant [global][and][joint] action] are identified, prioritized and addressed.

**Considerations:** Intended to cover the need to effectively identify, select and address issues of concern that warrant global action. The intention is to cover topics similar in nature to those covered by the Strategic Approach, emerging policy issues and other issues of concern, as well as topics such as managing specific chemicals, the burden of disease and financing. There may be a need to develop and identify the criteria for issues of concern.

(extracted from SAICM/IP.4/3)

**Target C.1:** Programmes of work including timelines are established, adopted and implemented for identified issues of concern. (original)

**Target ALT. C1:** As an ongoing process, stakeholders nominate and the international conference adopts issues of concern with specific goals. (extracted from SAICM/IP.4/3).

**Target C.2:** Information on the properties and risk management of chemicals across the supply chain and the chemical contents of products is available to all to enable informed decisions. (original)

**Target ALT. C2:** As an ongoing process, stakeholders implement workplans for adopted issues of concern and report on progress achieving their goals, such that the use of sustainable solutions is maximized and significant negative impacts on human health and the environment are prevented or minimized. (extracted from SAICM/IP.4/3)

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PART (ii) General comments on co-facilitators proposal for a process to establish indicators and milestones

- The VWG defines the work that is ready for work on indicator/milestones
  - scope of a set of targets the VWG agrees would benefit from indicator work
  - information on components of the target
- In terms of the definition of work defined by this group, a group of experts add to existing information with a list of indicators relevant for agreed targets

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Commented [61]: General Comments:

We are of the view that any discussion and revision of Objective C is depended to the outcome of the VW on Issues of Concern.

Moreover in the process of identification, prioritizing and addressing the issues of concern, national circumstances and capacities of developing courtiers should be taken into account.

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The target group (international, regional or national) of the programme of work is not clear.

On national level, developing and particularly implementing programme of work on issues of concern, needs sufficient capacities, technical and financial capacities.

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The main burden of future addressing and implementing of adopted work programme of the chemicals identified under issues of concern rests with governments.

Therefore in nomination process, the capacities and considerations of the government stakeholders should be of high importance and priority. Also nomination process needs to be further deliberated in Virtual Working Group on Issues of Concern.

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Regarding “implementation” this target is repetitive of Target C.1 in which we referred to certain national limitations.

Also requesting the stakeholders “to report on progress” is not appropriate considering the SAICM is a voluntary based instrument.
• Proposed indicators are discussed and agreed by ICCM-5 stakeholders

We agree with deliberation on indicators/milestones in VW group to have a common and better understanding of the views and proposals of the stakeholders on these matters, but as we expressed in online meeting of the VW Group of Targets, Indicators and Milestones; establishment of an expert group or any subsidiary body to the ICCM -5 Virtual Working Groups should be discussed and agreed upon by stakeholders via a proposal to be made by ICCM-5 Bureau.