Japan’s input on Targets, Indicators and Milestones

**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 a) 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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**General comment**

- Target and indicators for Strategic Objective C should be able to overarch variety of IoC. However, we do not yet know the contents of IP.4/2 Annex B
- Therefore, it is not possible to consider targets and indicators on C at this moment. Japan suggests we come back to this discussion once Annex B is agreed.

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

**General comment**

- Japan supports the proposal by co-facilitators, but we seek further clarification whether the existing technical working group will take over works on indicators and milestone or a new technical working group will be established.
We express sincere appreciation to UK for offering the organization of virtual session related to indicators next February. We are looking forward to participating in the discussion and identifying some of the key indicators, milestones and targets with the help of IOMC and the secretariat.