

Submission on Annex B, Section G, 3bis from the following organizations and stakeholders:

Health and Environment Justice Support (HEJSupport)
Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC)
Pesticide Action Network (PAN International)
groundWork South Africa
Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)
Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)
Toxisphera, Brazil
Commonweal
BUND/Friends of the Earth, Germany
German NGO Forum on Environment and Development
Chemical Safety Agency, Ukraine

Thank you for providing the opportunity to submit a text proposal for 3bis. Please see our proposal below. We think that text in former para 9, former para 10, former para 11 – now 3bis – is important to keep. We, therefore, do not agree on the deletions and note that 3bis (a – e) should be retained in brackets in the recommendations from the VWG 2 to IP4/ICCM5.

Rational:

- To ensure effective implementation there has to be an ongoing evaluation of the implementation of action plans for Issues of Concern, resulting in a report to assess the state of implementation.
- Countries note that No national reporting on IoCs is available (see IP3 inf doc http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP3/stakeholders/NGO_Information-On-IoC-criteria_Update30Sept.pdf).
- The independent evaluation report states that IPEN has been the most prominent stakeholder in reporting regularly on the progress of its members in contributing to the delivery of GPA activities, providing regular monitoring reports at ICCM2, ICCM3 and ICCM4 (http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/documents/meetings/IP3/INF/SAICM_IP3_INF3_Final-IndependentEvaluation.pdf).
- In the SDG process, a voluntary national review process is included. The new framework should build on that experience.
- Deleting 3bis and all references in its paragraphs would lead to the elimination of the periodic review process and reports. This is beyond the mandate of the VWG, especially since not all stakeholders can attend the VWG.

Red text: from co-facilitators; Purple text: our notes, or our additions based on our intervention from January 7.

[3bis.

(a) 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. The review committee should consist of representatives from governments and other stakeholders to review progress **and identify gaps reports** and, in cooperation with the Secretariat, create an outcome document, **prepare the report for the international conference** that summarizes implementation progress, **respond to emerging policy issues and**

issues of concern [, includes comments from countries under review,] and outlines recommendations.]

(b) [An outcome report should be prepared by a periodic review working group in cooperation with the secretariat which summarizes the discussion including responses from the country under review along with recommendations for implementation [The review committee should consist of representatives from governments and other stakeholders to review progress reports and, in cooperation with the Secretariat, create an outcome document that summarizes implementation progress, comments from countries under review, and outline recommendations.] (moved from paragraph 9)

(c) These reports should be made publicly available in a timely fashion to facilitate discussion, review, evaluation and further implementation of the approach to issues of concern. (moved from paragraph 10)

(d) Government stakeholders should prepare a national implementation report which describes progress on a national implementation plan and work on achieving the overall vision and the objectives and targets. (moved from paragraph 7)

(e) ¹³[Each country should be reviewed once every three or four years.] [Every third year evaluate each country for its progress in fulfilling the national implementation plan. Countries are grouped and reviewed according to reporting cycles, and recommendations are formulated for the next three-year cycle of work.] (moved from paragraph 11)

(f) Every third year evaluate progress on Issues of Concern and recommend changes to the programmes of work if necessary.]