**Small Intersessional Working Group for the Update of the Technical Guidelines on**

**D5 and D10 and incineration as covered by R1**

**September 22, 2020 Teleconference**

**14h to 15:30h Geneva time**

**Co-leads Summary**

For the list of attendees, please see Annex I of this document.

For the agenda, please Annex II of this document.

**Agenda & Introductory Remarks**

1. The meeting was chaired by Julie Croteau (Canada), as a representative from one of the co-leading countries, who made opening remarks.
2. The agenda was adopted without any changes.
3. Following the introduction, new participants of the group briefly introduced themselves.
4. Chair Croteau introduced the objectives of the meeting, which were to:
   * Take stock of the status of work on each technical guidelines
   * Provide an overview of comments received at and following the OEWG-12 online segment
   * Provide information on the online meeting scheduled for 27-28 Oct and 3-4 Nov 2020

**Status of work**

1. The Chair provided an overview of the revised tentative schedule of the SIWG and where the group stands with the work until COP-15. She explained that originally a face-to-face meeting was planned to take place early this year, in March, in Ottawa-Canada and that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting had to be cancelled.
2. The representative of the Secretariat has informed the group that comments received during and following the OEWG-12 online segment were going to be available on the convention website (<http://www.basel.int/Implementation/SpeciallyengineeredlandfillandIncineration/TechnicalGuidelines/tabid/6202/Default.aspx>)
3. The Chair provided details of the status of the D5 technical guidelines. She explained that the co-lead countries did not have time to incorporate comments received in February/March 2020, which were intended to be reviewed at the face-to-face meeting. Instead, the version prepared for the consideration of the OEWG-12 presented a compilation of comments received. These comments were not analysed by the co-leads prior to being submitted to OEWG-12.
4. The Chair provided details of the status of the D10&R1 technical guidelines, which followed a different approach, as co-leads had a chance to assess comments received early in 2020 and managed to incorporate some of them in the version prepared for the consideration of the OEWG-12.
5. The representative of Japan, one of the co-leads on the update of the D10 & R1 technical guidelines explained that some topics remain difficult to be incorporated into the guidelines, especially in relation to operation R1, for instance:
   * The definition of operation R1 to be covered in these guidelines.
   * The facility for operation R1 to be covered in the guidelines along with the point above.
   * The basic thinking/direction to reflect the various legislations and situations in different countries and regions regarding operation R1.
6. Some of these points may need to be discussed in the upcoming online meeting of the SIWG.
7. In the following discussion, members of the group considered some options about collecting views on the items highlighted by Japan and how to go about them. One member brought forward that these guidelines should provide agreed-upon guidance, while examples of legislation could be used as supporting examples.
8. Japan explained that they will prepare some material on the issues raised and share it with the group prior to the online meeting. Participants confirmed that issues raised in this group are related to work of other working groups under the convention, e.g. the review of annexes.

**Overview of comments submitted**

1. The representative of the Secretariat briefly mentioned the comments received during and following the OEWG-12 online segment.

**Preparation of the online meeting**

1. The representative of the Secretariat briefly mentioned that the online meeting is being prepared and that invitation letters will follow shortly. She informed the group that the current plan is to have sessions of about 3 hours of duration, with a short break, and that co-leads will assess how to best run the meeting. Each session is planned to start at noon and to run until 15h or 16h (Geneva time).
2. The co-leads raised the importance of this meeting being an opportunity for the SIWG to finalize the two sets of technical guidelines aiming at possible adoption at COP-15.
3. The group agreed that 3 hours of duration may be short, and that they may need to run each session for about 4 hours instead.
4. The group discussed also the uncertainties about the OEWG-12 face-to-face segment and the COPs in 2021 and that perhaps other online meetings of this group may be needed.
5. The group discussed the possibility for the co-leads to prepare some supporting documents to guide the discussions during the online meeting, given the limited amount of time available. Such supporting documents could inform the group about the main issues the group needs to discuss.
6. The group acknowledged that creating a table of comments with responses for each comment provided is not possible, because of lack of time. The co-leads will incorporate as much as possible comments provided so far into the technical guidelines.

**Concluding remarks and next steps**

1. The Chair concluded the meeting by recalling the deadline aimed for co-leads to share the revised technical guidelines with the group by 9 October. The co-leads offered to have bilateral discussions and exchanges in case any participant needs it.

**The meeting was closed at 15:30h.**

**Annex I – List of attendees**

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| **NAME** | | | **REPRESENTING** |
|  | Mr Abel Arkenbout | | ToxicoWatch |
|  | Mr Agustin Harte | | Argentina |
|  | Mr Alain Heidelberger | | Hazardous Waste Europe |
|  | Mr Andrew Rollinson | | GAIA |
|  | Mr Bernd Engelmann | | Germany, UBA |
|  | Ms Christina Langlois-Miller | | USA |
|  | Mr Christopher Mariano | | Environment and Climate Change Canada |
|  | Mr Dadan Wardhana Hasanuddin | | Indonesia |
|  | Ms Irina Talamoni | | Secretariat of Environment and sustainable development, Argentina |
|  | Mr Jorge Diaz | | European Commission |
|  | Ms Julie Croteau | | Environment and Climate Change Canada |
|  | Mr Keijiro Tomoda | | TOWA technology Corp. |
|  | Mr Lee Bell | | IPEN |
|  | Ms. Liu Hongbo | | Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences |
|  | Mr Lorenzo Ceccherini | | CEWEP |
|  | Mr Markus Gleis | | Germany, UBA |
|  | Ms Mayumi Tamiya | | Towa Technology Corporation, Japan |
|  | Mr Michael Ernst | | Federal Environment Ministry, Germany |
|  | Mr Mike Hale | | EURITS |
|  | Mr Philippe Ruat | | Hazardous Waste Europe |
|  | Ms Reem Musleh | | State of Palestine |
|  | Mr Tadashi Teranishi | | Ministry of the Environment, Japan |
|  | Mr Yo Osada | | Japan Industrial Waste Management Foundation |
| **BRS Secretariat** | | | |
|  | Ms. Carla Valle-Klann | BRS Secretariat | |

**Annex II – Adopted Agenda of the call**

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| Item | Activity | Time |
| **1** | **Introductory remarks**   * Adoption of the agenda * Introduction of new members | **10 min** |
| **2** | **Status of the work**   * Overview of the workplan * Status of the D5 guidelines * Status of the D10/R1 guidelines | **15 min** |
| **3** | **Overview of comments submitted** | **10 min** |
| **4** | **Preparation of the virtual meeting**   * Logistics and modalities * Meeting documents | **20 min** |
| **5** | **Concluding remarks and next steps** | **5 min** |