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

**D5 and D10/R1**

**September 24th, 2019 Teleconference**

**14h to 15h 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 representative of the Secretariat explained the overall objectives of the meeting and the mandate of the work, as per decision BC-14/6 on the update of the D5 and D10 technical guidelines. The scope of the technical guidelines on D10 was extended to also address incineration as covered by the operation R1 "use as a fuel" (other than in direct incineration) or other means to generate energy. This means that thermal processes other than incineration, such as pyrolysis and gasification, would not be covered in the technical guidelines.
2. The meeting was chaired by Julie Croteau (Canada), as a representative from one of the co-leading countries. She explained that Japan volunteered to co-lead the further update of the D10 technical guidelines to include information on incineration as covered by R1, as requested by BC-14/6 decision.
3. The group adopted the meeting agenda without any change.
4. Representatives from Argentina and Japan, as co-leading countries, made opening remarks and welcomed the work to come. The group thanked the co-leading countries and welcomed Japan for co-leading the D10/R1 technical guidelines.

**Discuss outcomes from COP-14**

1. Chair Croteau explained how these documents have been updated since COP-13, including by taking into account comments received from Parties and observers in different consultations. Additionally, the documents were presented and discussed at OEWG-11 and at COP-14, when delegates had the opportunity to provide comments on the two documents. She also explained that Argentina and Canada have been working on updating the D5 technical guidelines, including addressing comments received from COP-14. Regarding the D10/R1 technical guidelines, she noted that the work has not advanced since COP-14 as discussion on how to integrate incineration as covered by R1 text into the existing draft of the guidelines was needed.
2. She reminded members that the public consultation period is open until October 18, 2019. She explained that the goal is to have both documents updated and prepared for adoption at BC COP-15 in 2021.

**Provide an update on the development of the guidelines since COP-14**

1. Chair Croteau explained that Canada and Japan had discussed the inclusion of incineration as covered by R1 into the current D10 technical guidelines and had identified two options: One option is to add information on incineration as covered by R1 in relevant sections of the document, and the other is to create a specific section on incineration as covered by R1 only. She clarified that the scope of the document would be updated to reflect the inclusion of incineration as covered by R1 for both options. She also indicated that the document already has a section on the recovery of energy presenting basic information on this subject (e.g. para. 135). After ensuing discussions, the group decided for the first option. Chair Croteau reminded members that while public consultation is currently ongoing, the current text does not sufficiently address incineration as covered by R1. If members have any comments related to the inclusion of incineration as covered by R1 in the text, they are welcome to include them in their submission of comments on October 18, 2019.
2. One member questioned if a consultant would be hired to conduct part of the work and Chair Croteau clarified that the work will be done by the two governments without the need for an external consultant hired by the Secretariat.

**Review of the draft work plan for the SIWG**

1. Chair Croteau presented a draft tentative schedule for the work of the small intersessional working group leading up to COP-15 where both documents will be submitted for consideration and possible adoption, and explained the main ideas and proposed dates for each item. The schedule includes public consultation, steps leading up to OWEG-12, and a potential face-to-face meeting. It was also suggested that, if time allowed, a revision of the documents by the co-leads could be done before the proposed face-to-face meeting, so that the documents are even more mature for the meeting.
2. A member emphasized the importance of transparency on how comments are considered and integrated by the co-leads, which will allow members to review the documents thoroughly prior to the meeting.

**Discuss the potential for a face-to-face meeting in 2020:**

1. Chair Croteau explained the idea to have a face-to-face meeting of the SIWG in March 2020, if possible. An alternative date was also proposed closer to COP-15, i.e. in Sept/Oct 2020. She explained that a meeting in March would mean that the bulk of the work on the two documents would therefore be undertaken before OEWG-12 scheduled for June 2020. She mentioned that this date could be changed to September 2020 if members preferred a meeting during the fall period. After discussing the pros and cons of each option and taking into account potential meetings of other expert working group under the Convention during the fall period, the group agreed to have the meeting in March 2020.
2. It was also discussed that comments could be invited by all Parties and observers, prior to OWEG-12, on the OEWG-12 INF documents containing the two guidelines, especially because new information will be available on incineration as covered by R1. This way all Parties may have a richer discussion at OEWG-12.
3. It was suggested that after OEWG-12 another call for comments with all Parties could take place. Chair Croteau identified that flexibility will be integrated into a revised tentative schedule regarding steps from OWEG-12 to COP-15.
4. The group briefly discussed that a final round of comments could be done on the Addenda documents which will be presented at the COP-15.

**Concluding remarks and next steps**

1. The group agreed on a tentative schedule, which will be updated by the co-leading countries and circulated with the summary notes of this meeting to the SIWG.
2. Co-leading countries will discuss with the Secretariat on a possible date for the face-to-face meeting, its location and funds required. This way the Secretariat will try to fund-raise for the specific needs.

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

**Annex I – List of attendees**

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| **NAME** | **REPRESENTING** |
|  | Mr Abel Arkenbout | ToxicoWatch |
|  | Mr Alain Heidelberger | Hazardous Waste Europe |
|  | Ms Alejandra Acosta | Secretariat of Environment and sustainable development, Argentina |
|  | Ms Christina Langlois-Miller | U.S. EPA |
|  | Mr Christopher Mariano | Environment and Climate Change Canada |
|  | Mr Dadan Wardhana Hasanuddin | Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia |
|  | Mr Eshwar Samaroo | Guyana Environmental Protection Agency |
|  | Mr Gregory Helms | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
|  | Mr Jindrich Petrlik | Arnika - Toxics and Waste Programme / IPEN Dioxin, PCBs and Waste WG |
|  | Mr Joost Meijer | Ministry of Environment, Chile |
|  | Mr Jorge Diaz | European Commission |
|  | Ms Julie Croteau | Environment and Climate Change Canada |
|  | Mr Keijiro Tomoda | TOWA technology Corp. |
|  | Mr Lee Bell | IPEN |
|  | Mr Lorenzo Ceccherini | CEWEP |
|  | Mr. Maxime Dubé | Environment and Climate Change Canada |
|  | Ms Mayumi Tamiya | Towa Technology Corporation, Japan |
|  | Mr Michael Ernst | Federal Environment Ministry, Germany |
|  | Ms Nana Zhao | Tsinghua University, China |
|  | Mr Neil Tangri | GAIA |
|  | Mr Roger Simon | Guyana Environmental Protection Agency |
|  | Mr Toru Terai | Ministry of the Environment, Japan |
| **BRS Secretariat** |
|  | Ms. Carla Valle-Klann | BRS Secretariat |
|  | Ms. Melisa Lim | BRS Secretariat |
|  | Mr. Shunsuke Kudo | BRS Secretariat |

**Annex II – Agenda of the call**

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| Item | Activity | Time |
| **1** | **Introductory remarks*** Adoption of the agenda
 | **5 min** |
| **2** | **Discuss outcomes from COP-14** | **10 min** |
| **3** | **Provide an update on the development of the guidelines since COP-14*** Advancement of D5
* Seek views from the SIWG on ways to incorporate R1 into the existing guidelines
 | **15 min** |
| **4** | **Review of the draft work plan for the SIWG*** Seek views from the SIWG on the draft work plan, and finalize the way forward.
* Discuss the potential for a face-to-face meeting in 2020
 | **20 min** |
| **5** | **Concluding remarks and next steps** | **5 min** |

**Meeting documents:**

1. Draft way forward to COP-15 for the SIWG
2. BC-14/6: Technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10) and on specially engineered landfill (D5)