Iran Inputs of Subsidiary Bodies of the Instrument

2. Subsidiary bodies

The following potential subsidiary bodies have been identified for further consideration:

- a scientific, technical, and socio-economic body, including for information-sharing, the identification of chemicals to be included in the instrument, assessments and recommendations;
- a compliance and implementation committee (see Part IV of the zero-draft);
- a clearing house mechanism for exchange of information;
- a financial mechanism, including to consider availability of resources, funding for developing countries and transfer of technology (see part V of the zero-draft). A committee would manage the financial mechanism, including by monitoring financial flows for developing countries;
- a committee on means of implementation;
- a committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the instrument.

* Participation in the subsidiary bodies shall be open ended and all members states should be able to attend their meetings.
* The subsidiary bodies shall meet in line with the calendar of meetings of the Governing body of the Instrument.
* The subsidiary bodies shall report its work to the COP for its consideration and possible adoption of decisions and/or reports.

The following approaches to the establishment of subsidiary bodies could be followed by the committee: subsidiary bodies could be established, and their functions defined, either, within the instrument; or by the Conference of the Parties, if needed; or a mixture of the two previous approaches.

Specific language will need to be elaborated following further discussion in the committee, including with respect to the composition and functions of the relevant bodies, also taking into account written submissions by members during the third session of the committee.¹

¹ See contact group 3 outcome document, p. 10.
3. **Secretariat**

1. A secretariat is hereby established.

2. The functions of the secretariat shall be:
   a. Preparation and arrangements for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, subsidiary bodies and the multistakeholder action agenda, and to provide them with services as required;
   b. To facilitate and coordinate the implementation of the instrument; particularly developing country parties with economies in transition (MINAMATA);
   c. Assist Parties, as required, in the exchange of information related to the implementation of the instrument;
   d. Compile and publish national reports submitted by the Parties;
   e. To prepare and make available to the Parties periodic reports based on national reporting and other sources of information, as mandated by the COP appropriate;
   f. To coordinate, as mandated by the COP appropriate, with the Secretariats of other relevant international bodies and instruments
   g. To enter, under the overall guidance of the Conference of the Parties, into such administrative and contractual arrangements as may be required for the effective discharge of its functions; and
   h. To perform the other secretariat functions specified in this instrument and such other functions as may be determined by the Conference of the Parties.

3. [The secretariat functions for this instrument shall be performed by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme until when the Conference of the Parties convenes and decides on the location of the Secretariat.]

4. The Conference of the Parties, in consultation with appropriate international bodies, may provide for enhanced cooperation and coordination between the Secretariat and the secretariats other relevant international bodies;

5. The Conference of the Parties, in consultation with appropriate international bodies, may provide further guidance on this matter.

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The text in this section has been developed following the structure of Minamata Convention, article 24 and Rotterdam Convention, article 19. Paragraph 2 on the functions of the Secretariat is based on the elements reflected in the synthesis report (UNEP/PP/INC.3/INF/1, para. 85). This text is proposed as a starting point with a view to its further development taking into account the inputs from members at the third session of the committee. See contact group 3 outcome document, p. 11. See also the compilation of written submissions by members during the third session of the committee available at [https://www.unep.org/inc-plastic-pollution/session-3/documents/in-session#ContactGroups](https://www.unep.org/inc-plastic-pollution/session-3/documents/in-session#ContactGroups).