Jamaica’s textual proposals for the section on Reporting of the Zero draft -

Jamaica believes the reporting by Parties should not be onerous. It should take into account the national capabilities and circumstances of developing country parties, including those of small island developing state and least developed countries.

We support Option 1 of the Zero draft. However, we have some reservation with respect to section 6 on the disclosure of business information – the types of information to be disclosed should be clear and specific and not include confidential business information.

The article on reporting should be linked to the Articles on the means of implementation as well as the National Plan (which we would recommend as the ‘National Implementation Plan’).

We are of the view that the preparation of national reports should be inclusive and should be made publicly available.

Information on progress on implementation and challenges experienced by Parties in executing its obligations under the instrument contained in national reports may be used by the Implementation and Compliance Committee in assessing the level of implementation and promoting compliance.

The governing body shall at its first meeting adopt the reporting intervals, modalities and format of national reports. In this regard, consideration could be given to the submission of short/brief reports on key issues within a specified period and a more comprehensive report at a longer period.

On an ad hoc basis, the governing body of the instrument should encourage reports on relevant subjects from chemicals-related conventions, conventions related to climate change, biodiversity, and the law of the sea as well as contributions from multilateral organizations, particularly the WTO, WCO, WHO, and the ILO.