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States, provinces and local governments should play a stronger role in the implementation of international agreements on chemicals and waste. Pollution is a matter of perception. In general, problems related to chemical waste take place in the provinces/states and NOT in the capital cities. Stronger consideration should be given to provinces/states in national planning. Reforms to legislation to provide provinces/states with stronger attributions are needed. State/provincial environmental authorities should be encouraged to participate in international negotiations and Conferences of Parties to international agreements on chemicals and waste. Indicators for successful implementation of these agreements should reflect the degree of effective and timely participation of States/provinces in the development of national chemical and waste policies.