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Summary Table of National Capacity Requirements Under International Agreements (Draft)

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About this Document

This draft document was prepared for the *Thematic Workshop on Synergies for Capacity Building Under International Agreements Addressing Chemicals and Waste Management*, 30 March – 2 April 2004 in Geneva, Switzerland. The summary table of national capacity requirements under 11 international agreements should be considered in conjunction with a companion workshop document “Provisions in International Agreements Relevant to National Capacity Development: Draft Fact Sheets”, which identifies the relevant convention provisions in detail. The categories are based upon Programme Area E of Chapter 19, as well as a review of the explicit provisions contained in the agreements themselves. The agreements are coded as “+++” if the requirement is a specific obligation; “++” if it is a specific recommendation; or “+” if only a general reference appears. The exercise has been a challenging one and we hope that this draft document will provide a useful starting point for discussion and analysis of synergies among the agreements.

In particular, we ask that the following questions are considered when reviewing the document:

- Is the analysis in this document considered useful and should the document be further developed or expanded?
- Are the selected issues appropriate? Which ones are missing? Which should be modified?
- Should issues not explicitly found in the agreement texts be included? For example, some capacity issues are dealt with by decisions of parties and not included in the original agreement text, while other capacity requirements may be implicit in nature.
- Some provisions of agreements can be placed in more than one category – would it be helpful to cross-reference those provisions?
- Should other chemicals and wastes agreements be included?
- Is the presentation of the information (e.g. format) user-friendly?

We look forward to continuing to develop and refine this table during and in follow-up to the workshop in order to make it as accurate as possible. Your contribution to the further development of this document is sincerely appreciated.

**SUMMARY TABLE OF NATIONAL CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ADDRESSING CHEMICALS
AND WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Chapter 19, Agenda 21: Elements for sound chemicals management	Issue¹	Aarhus	Basel	CWC	FAO Code	GHS	ILO 170	ILO 174	Rotterdam	Stockholm	VC/MP	UN Narcotics
(A) Adequate Legislation	Generic Legislation	+++	+++	+++	++	+	+++	+++	+++		+++	+++
	Import/Export Control Legislation		+++	+++					+++	+++		
	Enabling Legislation for Chemical Use Restrictions/Bans		+++							+++		+++
(B) Information Gathering and Dissemination	Development of chemical lists and/or inventory		+		++		+++	+++	++	+++		
	Emissions reporting	+++								+++	+++	
	National information systems/exchange	+++		+++	++	+	+	+++	+++	+++		+++
	International information exchange	+++	+++	+++	+	+	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
	Hazard data generation				++	+						
	Data confidentiality	+		+++		+	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	++
	Access to information	+++		+	++	+	+++	+++	+++	+++		
(C) Capacity for Risk Assessment and Interpretation	Hazard assessment / classification		+	+	++	+	+++	+++	+++	+		
	Hazard / risk communication (e.g. labeling)	+++	+++		++	++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++

¹ **Key:** +++ Specific Obligation; ++ Specific Recommendation; + General Reference

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	Risk assessment				++	+	+++	+++	+++	+++			
(D) Establishment of Risk Management Policy	Packaging requirements		+++		++	+	+++		+				
	Capacity for risk management decision-making				++		+++	+++					
	Chemical-specific use restrictions/bans			+++	+		+++		+++	+++	+++		
	Life-cycle management		+		+	+	+		+++	+			
	Precautionary principle/approach							+++		+	+		
(E) Capacity for Implementation and Enforcement	General Implementation Issues	Focal points		+++	+			+	++	+++	+++		+
		Interministerial Coordination				++							
		Stakeholder Involvement	+++			++		+++	+++		+++		
		Resource Mobilisation		++	+++	++				++	+++	+++	
		Technical assistance		+++	+++	++	+			+++	+++	+++	+++
		Training / Skills building		+		++	+	+++	+++	++	+++	+++	+++
		Technology transfer		+++		++				+	+++	+++	
		Development of alternatives			+	++				+++	+++	VC ++ MP +++	

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	Evaluation of Implementation	+++	+	+++	++	++		+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	
	Enforcement	Capacity for chemical analysis/monitoring			+	++	+	+++		+++		+++	
		Enforcement of regulations/decisions		+++	+++	++			+++		+++	+++	+++
		Access to Justice	+++					+++					
(F) Capacity for Rehabilitation of Contaminated Sites and Poisoned Persons				++			+++		+++				
(G) Effective Education programmes		+++	+	+		+	+++			+++	+++	+	
(H) Capacity to Respond to Emergencies			++	+++		+	+++	+++					

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