WHERE TO NEXT? THE BENEFITS & CHALLENGES OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ON MVE.

The following points made by panellists and by speakers from the floor:

- Deal with the problem by identifying the appropriate level and responding proportionately (from global harmonisation to the technical detail of individual products)

- Use our universal goals for MVE to break down the past practice of working in isolation by creating a common cooperative framework

- Information sharing is crucial for international cooperation between governments and with all stakeholders to improve national MVE schemes

- Making the case for MVE needs to be communicated in language and metric targeted to all stakeholders (public, high level decision makers, peer S&L programmes)

- MVE is a global issue and all countries (especially developing countries which are increasingly the manufacturing base and customers for equipment) must be involved in acting on compliance issues

- Important that MVE includes education, training and support for industry as well as focusing on policing (make clear rules)

- Procurement offers a source of MVE information to improve compliance

- Spread the message to ensure all stakeholders (eg consumer groups engaged) which will only improve the scheme

- Naming and shaming offers a crucial MVE communication tool

- Collaboration between governments is key

- MVE will be a solution not a problem if done properly, globally and transparently

- Training and capacity building for labelling schemes

- MVE needs to be incorporated in all phases (planning, implementing, monitoring and not just at the enforcement stage)