

SC-6/9: Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxin, Furans and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Toolkit expert meetings;¹
2. *Welcomes* the conclusions and recommendations of the Toolkit experts set out in the annex to the note by the Secretariat on the review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases² and welcomes the revised Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans, and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants;³
3. *Recommends* that parties use the revised Toolkit, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Toolkit experts set out in the annex to the present decision, when developing source inventories and release estimates under Article 5 of the Stockholm Convention and when reporting estimated releases under Article 15 according to the source categories identified in Annex C, and also recommends that parties provide comments on their experiences to the Secretariat;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat and the Global Environment Facility to ensure that the Toolkit experts contribute to the development of a training programme on the revised Toolkit in support of data comparability and consistency of time trends and also requests the Secretariat to organize, within available resources, awareness-raising and training activities on the revised Toolkit;
5. *Requests* the Toolkit experts to prepare a preliminary analysis of the information on unintentional releases of persistent organic pollutants provided through national reports pursuant to Article 15, in view of the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention and according to the timelines indicated in the effectiveness evaluation framework⁴ upon its approval by the Conference of the Parties;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to support the Toolkit experts in the areas identified for further work as presented in the annex to the note by the Secretariat on the review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases⁵ and to report on progress made to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
7. *Invites* parties and others in a position to do so to provide funding to support the work outlined in paragraph 4 above.

¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.6/INF/11.

² UNEP/POPS/COP.6/13.

³ The revised Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants under Article 5 of the Stockholm Convention is available from <http://toolkit.pops.int>.

⁴ UNEP/POPS/COP.6/27/Add.1/Rev.1.

⁵ UNEP/POPS/COP.6/13.