

SC-4/4: Evaluation of the continued need for the procedure under paragraph 2(b) of Article 3

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the report by the Secretariat on information to be taken into account in the evaluation of the continued need for the procedure under paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3 of the Convention;¹
2. *Concludes* that the information currently available on the experience of using the procedure under paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3 is insufficient as a basis for evaluating the continued need for the procedure;
3. *Urges* Parties to include in the reports that they submit pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention information on their imports and exports of chemicals listed in Annex A and Annex B to the Convention, if any, and in so doing to provide as much information as is practicable regarding the destinations of exported chemicals and the purposes for which chemicals are imported;
4. *Reminds* Parties that export chemicals listed in Annex A or Annex B to the Convention to any State not party to the Convention that subparagraph 2 (b) (iii) of Article 3 of the Convention requires them to submit to the Secretariat the certification from the importing State specified in paragraph 2 (b) (iii);
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a report, based on Party reports submitted pursuant to Article 15, certifications from exporting Parties submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) (iii) of Article 3 and other relevant information, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting;
6. *Decides* to evaluate further the continued need for the procedure set out in paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3 at its fifth meeting.

1 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/8, annex.