

SC-7/15: Operation of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in the reports of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the work of its ninth and tenth meetings¹ and documents forwarded by the Committee to the Conference of the Parties;²
2. *Appoints* the 17 designated experts³ to serve as members of the Committee;
3. *Adopts* the list of 14 parties to be invited to nominate Committee members for terms of office commencing on 5 May 2016 set out in the annex to the present decision;
4. *Elects* Ms. Estefânia Moreira (Brazil) as the Chair of the Committee;
5. *Welcomes* the guidance to assist parties to the Rotterdam Convention and the Chemical Review Committee on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade in their work when a chemical under consideration is a persistent organic pollutant listed under the Stockholm Convention;⁴
6. *Also welcomes* the guidance on how to assess the possible impact of climate change on the work of the Committee⁵ as well as the approach to the consideration of climate change interactions with chemicals proposed for listing in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention and the recommendations developed by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the basis of the guidance;⁶
7. *Takes note* of the information provided by the Secretariat on the experience in the organization of the back-to-back meetings and the joint meeting of the Chemical Review Committee and the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee;⁷
8. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue, subject to the availability of resources, to undertake activities to support parties and others to participate effectively in the work of the Committee as listed in decision POPRC-10/7 and to report on the results of those activities to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.
9. *Encourages* parties and observers to submit information specified in Annex E and Annex F in response to requests for input from the Committee, recognizing that increased participation will contribute to the comprehensiveness of reports, and to support the Committee in the preparation of its recommendations.

¹ UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/13 and Add.1–3 and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/10 and Add.1 and 2.

² UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/INF/11/Rev.1, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/INF/20, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/INF/7/Rev.1, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/INF/8/Rev.1, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/INF/10/Rev.1, decision POPRC-9/7 and decision POPRC-10/4.

³ See UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/INF/4 and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/INF/3.

⁴ See UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/INF/11/Rev.1.

⁵ See UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/INF/15.

⁶ Decision POPRC-9/8, annexes I and II.

⁷ UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/INF/13.

Annex to decision SC-7/15

List of parties to nominate members of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee with terms of office commencing on 5 May 2016

African States

Kenya

Mali

Swaziland

Tunisia

Asian-Pacific States

China

Indonesia

Japan

Nepal

Central and Eastern European States

Poland

Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil

Jamaica

Western European and other States

Luxembourg

Switzerland

The Netherlands