

## SC-7/23: Reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in the report prepared by the Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 2 (d) of Article 20 based on the reports submitted by parties under Article 15<sup>1</sup> and of the summary of the report set out in the note by the Secretariat on reporting pursuant to Article 15;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Takes note with concern* of the low level of reporting and requests the Secretariat to further refine the draft strategy to enhance reporting under the Stockholm Convention;<sup>3</sup>

3. *Urges* parties that have not yet done so to submit their third national reports pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention no later than the extended date of 31 August 2015;

4. *Decides* that, in accordance with Article 15, each party should submit its fourth national report pursuant to Article 15 to the Secretariat by 31 August 2018 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To update the reporting format to include the chemicals listed in Annexes A and C to the Convention by decisions SC-6/13, SC-7/12, SC-7/13 and SC-7/14 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;

(b) To further improve the electronic reporting system in time for it to be used for the submission of the fourth reports pursuant to Article 15, taking into account the comments received from parties about their experiences in using the system and in view of the use of the national reports as one element in undertaking an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention pursuant to Article 16;

(c) To prepare a periodic report pursuant to paragraph 2 (d) of Article 20 of the Convention for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting;

(d) To continue to provide guidance to parties on the use of the electronic reporting system.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/36.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.7/27, annex.

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.6/INF/28.