

SC-8/9: Operation of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the priority areas for action recognized in decision SC-8/18 on effectiveness evaluation as they relate to the listing of chemicals in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention,

1. *Welcomes* the reports of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the work of its eleventh and twelfth meetings¹ and the documents forwarded by the Committee to the Conference of the Parties;²

2. *Appoints* the 14 designated experts with terms of office commencing on 5 May 2016 to serve as members of the Committee and notes that one vacancy arising during the intersessional period has been filled;³

3. *Also appoints* the 17 designated experts listed in the annex to the present decision to serve as members of the Committee with terms of office commencing on 5 May 2018;⁴

4. *Encourages* Parties and observers to submit the information specified in Annexes E and F to the Convention and to review and provide to the Committee, through the Secretariat in a timely manner, technical comments on draft risk profiles and draft risk management evaluations to support the development of sound recommendations to the Conference of the Parties and supporting documents on the listing of chemicals in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention and in doing so, when relevant, to involve experts working at the national level on the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal;

5. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention to consider enhancing the involvement of experts working under the Basel Convention in the work of the Committee;

6. *Invites* the Committee to strengthen the involvement of experts working under the Basel Convention in its work to facilitate its receipt of improved information on waste and disposal issues;

7. *Requests* the Secretariat to facilitate the involvement of experts as referred to in paragraph 6 above;

8. *Encourages* Parties and observers to undertake, within their capabilities, appropriate research, development, monitoring and cooperation pertaining to alternatives to persistent organic pollutants and candidate persistent organic pollutants in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention;

9. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue, subject to the availability of resources, to assist the Committee in collecting information on persistent organic pollutants in products as necessary for its review of chemicals and to provide Parties with guidance on labelling for the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B and to collaborate, as appropriate, with relevant international efforts such as the Chemicals in Products project of the United Nations Environment Programme;

10. *Also 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 paragraph 1 of decision POPRC-12/7, and to report on the results of those activities to the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting.

¹ UNEP/POPS/POPRC.11/10 and Add.1–2; UNEP/POPS/POPRC.12/11 and Add.1–5.

² UNEP/POPS/POPRC.12/INF/9/Rev.1; UNEP/POPS/POPRC.12/INF/12/Rev.1; UNEP/POPS/POPRC.12/INF/15/Rev.1.

³ See UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/60.

⁴ The curricula vitae of these experts are set out in document UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/65.

Annex to decision SC-8/9

Experts designated by Parties and appointed as members of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee with terms of office commencing on 5 May 2018

African States

Mr. Sam Adu-Kumi (Ghana)
Ms. Mantoa Makoena Clementina Sekota (Lesotho)
Ms. Amal Lemsoui (Morocco)
Mr. Nadjo N'Ladon (Togo)

Asia-Pacific States

Mr. Manoj Kumar Gangeya (India)
Mr. Amir Nasser Ahmadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Mr. Zaigham Abbas (Pakistan)
Mr. Anass Ali Saeed Al-Nedhary (Yemen)

Central and Eastern European States

Ms. Tamara Kukharchyk (Belarus)
Ms. Svitlana Sukhorebra (Ukraine)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Mr. Luis G. Romero Esquivel (Costa Rica)
Ms. Vilma Morales Quillama (Peru)
Ms. Victorine Augustine Pinas (Suriname)

Western European and other States

Ms. Ingrid Hauzenberger (Austria)
Mr. Jean-François Ferry (Canada)
Ms. Rikke Donchil Holmberg (Denmark)
Mr. Peter Dawson (New Zealand)