

SC-7/7: Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the report of the expert meeting on best available techniques and best environmental practices and the Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants under the Stockholm Convention¹ and the conclusions and recommendations of the Toolkit experts;²
2. *Recognizes* that the listing of new substances in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention will trigger the need to further update existing guidance and/or develop new guidance to support parties in implementing new obligations, requiring specific expertise;
3. *Requests* the Toolkit experts:
 - (a) To continue the work identified in their conclusions and recommendations;
 - (b) In consultation with the experts on best available techniques and best environmental practices, to develop joint terms of reference for the synergistic consideration of aspects relevant to releases from unintentional production and best available techniques and best environmental practices for the chemicals listed in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to continue to support the Toolkit experts in the work referred to in paragraph 3 above, to implement awareness-raising and technical assistance activities to promote the Toolkit and to report on the progress made to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;
5. *Encourages* parties to use the Toolkit, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Toolkit experts, when developing source inventories and release estimates under Article 5 of the Stockholm Convention and reporting estimated releases under Article 15 according to the source categories identified in Annex C;
6. *Invites* parties to provide comments to the Secretariat on their experience in using the Toolkit.

¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/19.

² UNEP/POPS/COP.7/12, annex.