

POPRC-4/7: Terms of reference of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,

Having discussed at its fourth meeting the provisions of its terms of reference pertaining to the distribution and translation of documents to be examined by the Committee and determined that they would benefit from clarification in certain respects,

Recommends to the Conference of the Parties that it amend the Committee's terms of reference as follows:

(a) Paragraph 27 should be amended to read:

“Proposals for listing chemicals in Annex A, B or C shall be distributed at least three months in advance of meetings. Other documents shall be distributed at least six weeks in advance of meetings.”

(b) A new paragraph 27 bis should be added, reading:

“A Party proposing the listing of a chemical to Annex A, B or C of the Convention shall provide to the Secretariat, no later than five months in advance of the meeting at which it is discussed, a proposal consisting of a letter from the proposing Party, documents supporting the proposal and a summary in English of the documents supporting the proposal of up to 20 pages in length.”

(c) Paragraph 31 should be amended to read:

1. “For practical reasons, only the major resource documents for a meeting will be translated into the six official languages of the United Nations and distributed at least six weeks in advance of the meeting. The term “major resource documents” means the summary in English of the documents supporting the proposal for adding a chemical to Annex A, B or C of the Convention, the risk profile, the risk management evaluation and any report or recommendation for the meeting.”

(d) A new paragraph 31 bis should be added, reading:

“Proposals for listing chemicals in Annex A, B or C shall be distributed at least three months in advance of meetings in any official language of the United Nations in which they are submitted to the secretariat. The summary in English of the documents supporting the proposals shall be translated into the six official languages of the United Nations and distributed at least six weeks before meetings.”
