

POPRC-5/2: Substitution and alternatives

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,

1. *Requests* the intersessional working group to continue to develop guidance on perfluorooctane sulfonate alternatives based on the revised annotated outline set out in annex V to the report of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the work of its fifth meeting;¹

2. *Endorses* the revised general guidance on considerations related to alternatives and substitutes for persistent organic pollutants and candidate persistent organic pollutants set out in addendum 1 to the report of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the work of its fifth meeting² and invites Parties and observers to make use of that guidance document;

3. *Endorses* the guidance on feasible flame-retardant alternatives to commercial pentabromodiphenyl ether³ and invites Parties and observers to make use of that guidance document;

4. *Agrees* to the following workplan for the intersessional working group for the preparation of guidance on perfluorooctane sulfonate alternatives:

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| Preparation of a first draft of the perfluorooctane sulfonate guidance document | Consultant | October 2009–February 2010 |
| Distribution of the first draft to the intersessional working group for comments | Chair | February 2010 |
| Review of the first draft | Intersessional working group | February–March 2010 |
| Preparation of a second draft based on comments submitted by the intersessional working group | Consultant | March–April 2010 |
| Distribution of the second draft to Parties and observers for comments | Secretariat | April 2010 |
| Review of the second draft | Parties and observers | April–May 2010 |
| Preparation of the final draft based on comments submitted by Parties and observers | Consultant | May–June 2010 |
| Submission of the final draft to Conference Services | Secretariat | July 2010 |

¹ UNEP/POPS/POPRC.5/10.

² UNEP/POPS/POPRC.5/10/Add.1.

³ UNEP/POPS/COP.4/INF/24.