

## SC-5/15: Information exchange

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Takes note* of the progress made in the implementation of the clearing-house mechanism of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and requests the Secretariat to complete an evaluation of its first phase, covering the period 2008–2011, by the end of 2011, and to make it available on the Convention website;
  2. *Requests* the Secretariat to use the newly developed social network and online collaboration website to collect the input required from parties, partners and interested stakeholders, to complete the guidance document for the development of the clearing-house mechanism regional and national nodes and to make the guidance document available on the Convention website;
  3. *Encourages* parties and other stakeholders to use the clearing-house mechanism and its tools when implementing projects;
  4. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to work with the secretariats of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade to complete the development of the clearing-house mechanism so that it serves all three conventions;
  5. *Decides* that all new phases in the development of the clearing-house mechanism functions relating to the Stockholm Convention should be implemented as part of the development of the clearing-house mechanism serving the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and that further workplans and progress reports should be presented for consideration by the Conference of the Parties as joint activities of the three conventions;
  6. *Invites* parties and other stakeholders to continue to support the Secretariat in its development of the clearing-house mechanism serving the three conventions;
  7. *Invites* the Secretariat, parties, Governments and any other interested stakeholders, in implementing clearing-house mechanism projects, to build upon and link to such existing information exchange initiatives and tools as the Chemical Information Exchange Network of the United Nations Environment Programme and national pollutant release and transfer registers.
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