**SC-8/1: Exemptions**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Noting* the priority areas for action recognized in decision SC-8/18 on effectiveness evaluation as they relate to Article 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and relevant parts of Annexes A and B to the Convention,

1. *Encourages* Parties to continue to assess in a timely manner the need for exemptions, in particular after the adoption of decisions by the Conference of the Parties to amend Annex A or Annex B to the Convention;
2. *Reminds* Parties that may wish to register specific exemptions, acceptable purposes, chemicals occurring as constituents of articles, or the production and use of chemicals as   
   closed-system site-limited intermediates that are currently available to so notify the Secretariat using the relevant forms;[[1]](#footnote-1)
3. *Requests* theSecretariat to continue to maintain and update the forms, registers and related information as appropriate so as to ensure that information is easily accessible to Parties and other stakeholders;
4. *Also requests* the Secretariat to continue to assist Parties in their efforts to implement the provisions of the Convention related to specific exemptions and acceptable purposes.

1. As set out in annex III to the report of the Conference of the Parties on the work of its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/30) and the annexes to its decisions SC-1/23, SC-1/25, SC-5/8 and SC-6/2. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)