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*The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Takes note* of the report by the DDT expert group on the assessment of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control, including the conclusions and recommendations set out therein,[[1]](#footnote-1) the reports by the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation of the road map for the development of alternatives to DDT and on the implementation of the Global Alliance for the Development and Deployment of Products, Methods and Strategies as Alternatives to DDT for Disease Vector Control[[2]](#footnote-2) and the report by the World Health Organization on the use of DDT and DDT alternatives in disease vector control;[[3]](#footnote-3)
2. *Concludes* that countries that rely on indoor residual spraying for disease vector control may need DDT for that purpose in specific settings where locally safe, effective and affordable alternatives are still lacking for a sustainable transition away from DDT;
3. *Reminds* Parties that require DDT for disease vector control of the need to notify the Secretariat once they start using DDT for the acceptable purpose in accordance with the provisions of part II of Annex B to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
4. *Urges* Parties, in particular Parties that are listed in the DDT register, to respond to the DDT questionnaire in accordance with the provisions of part II of Annex B to the Stockholm Convention;
5. *Notes* the necessity of providing technical, financial and other assistance to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, with due priority accorded to:
   1. Reporting on DDT by Parties, including on production, use, import and export and stockpiles of DDT and the use of other chemicals for indoor residual spraying;
   2. Ensuring adequate national capacity for long-term sustainable vector surveillance and for research, resistance monitoring and implementation for the pilot testing and scaling up of existing alternatives to DDT;
   3. Sound disposal of obsolete DDT stockpiles, in particular where stockpiles pose immediate risks to human health and the environment;
6. *Encourages* Parties that use DDT to establish a system for monitoring exposure to DDT among spray workers and recipient households in order to validate whether proper implementation of protective measures limits such exposure;
7. *Decides* to evaluate at its tenth meeting the continued need for DDT for disease vector control on the basis of the available scientific, technical, environmental and economic information, including that provided by the DDT expert group, with the objective of accelerating the identification and development of locally appropriate, cost‑effective and safe alternatives;
8. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to support the process set out in annex I to decision SC-3/2, and to assist Parties to report on DDT and to promote locally safe, effective and affordable alternatives for a sustainable transition away from DDT;
9. *Welcomes* the collaboration with the World Health Organization in the process for the reporting on and assessment and evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control and in promoting suitable alternatives to DDT for disease vector control, and invites the World Health Organization to continue that collaboration;
10. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to lead the implementation of the road map for the development of alternatives to DDT, in consultation with the World Health Organization, the DDT expert group and the Secretariat, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting on the implementation of activities related thereto;
11. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to participate in the activities of the road map;
12. *Invites* Parties and others in a position to do so to continue to provide technical and financial resources to support the implementation of the activities set out in the road map.

Annex to decision SC-9/2

List of Parties identified by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting to nominate DDT expert group members whose terms of office will commence on 1 September 2019

**African States**

Botswana

Uganda

**Asia-Pacific States**

Yemen

Bangladesh

**Central and Eastern European States**

Serbia

Romania

**Latin American and Caribbean States**

Panama

Peru

**Western European and other States**

Netherlands

[*To be identified*]

1. UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/6, annex I; UNEP/POPS/COP.9/5, annex. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/8, annex. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/7, annex. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)