SC-9/18: Global monitoring plan for effectiveness evaluation

*The Conference of* the *Parties*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the meeting of the global coordination group and the regional organization groups, including the regional strategies for implementation of the third phase of the global monitoring plan, setting out monitoring arrangements and timelines for the completion of the third regional monitoring reports,[[1]](#footnote-1)and of the report by the United Nations Environment Programme on sustainable monitoring in the framework of the global monitoring plan;[[2]](#footnote-2)
2. *Acknowledges* the need for the global monitoring plan to be sustained in the long term to enable it to continue providing valuable data for effectiveness evaluation;
3. *Takes note* of the draft updated guidance on the global monitoring plan for persistent organic pollutants;[[3]](#footnote-3)
4. *Requests* the regional organization groups and the global coordination group to continue to implement the global monitoring plan according to their terms of reference and mandate,[[4]](#footnote-4) taking into account the regional strategies referred to in paragraph 1 of the present decision and subject to the availability of resources, and to present to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting the third regional monitoring reports and the updated guidance on the global monitoring plan for persistent organic pollutants;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:
   1. To continue to support the work of the regional organization groups and the global coordination group in the implementation of the third phase of the global monitoring plan;
   2. To continue to support training and capacity‑building activities to assist Parties, in particular developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, in implementing the global monitoring plan for subsequent effectiveness evaluations, and to work with partners and other relevant organizations to undertake implementation activities;
6. *Also requests* the Secretariat to organize two meetings of the global coordination group;
7. *Encourages* Parties to consider the regional strategies referred to in paragraph 1 of the present decision and to engage actively in the implementation of the global monitoring plan and the effectiveness evaluation, in particular:
   1. To continue to monitor the core media of air and human breast milk or human blood and, for those Parties in a position to do so, to initiate monitoring of perfluorooctane sulfonate in surface water in support of future evaluations, and to share the resulting monitoring data through their respective regional organization groups;
   2. To support the further development and long-term implementation of the global monitoring plan if in a position to do so.

1. See UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/35. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/37. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. See UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/36. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Decision SC-8/19, annex. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)