**POPRC-11/6: Guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals**

*The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee*

1. *Decides* to establish an intersessional working group to prepare revised guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals, based on the proposal set out in the note by the Secretariat,[[1]](#footnote-1) for consideration at its twelfth meeting, and agrees to work in accordance with the workplan set out in the annex to the present decision;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to commission the preparation of the revised guidance for consideration by the Committee at its twelfth meeting;

3. *Invites* parties and observers to submit information to enable the Committee to prepare the revised guidance in accordance with the workplan set out in the annex to the present decision;

4. *Invites* parties and observers in a position to do so to provide financial support for the implementation of the activities referred to in the present decision.

Annex to decision POPRC-11/6

**Workplan for the development of revised guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals**

| *Scheduled date* | *Interval between activities (weeks)* | *Activity* |
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| 23 October 2015 | – | The Committee establishes an intersessional working group |
| 30 October 2015 | 1 | The Secretariat invites parties and observers to submit information to assist in the preparation of the revised guidance |
| 8 January 2016 | 10 | Parties and observers submit the information to the Secretariat |
| 4 March 2016 | 8 | The chair of the working group complete the first draft and submit it to the Secretariat  The Secretariat invites the working group to provide comments on the first draft |
| 1 April 2016 | 4 | The working group members submit comments on the first draft to the Secretariat |
| 29 April 2016 | 4 | The chair of the working group review the comments on the first draft and complete the second draft and a compilation of responses to the comments |
| 6 May 2016 | 1 | The Secretariat invites parties and observers to provide comments on the second draft |
| 17 June 2016 | 6 | Parties and observers submit comments to the Secretariat |
| 15 July 2016 | 4 | The chair of the working group review the comments from parties and observers and complete the third (final) draft and a compilation of responses to the comments |
| 8 August 2016 | 3 | The Secretariat distributes the final draft in English |
| 19−23 September 2016 | 6 | Twelfth meeting of the Committee |

1. UNEP/POPS/POPRC.11/INF/11/Rev.1, annex. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)