**SC-7/3:** **Polychlorinated biphenyls**

*The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Takes note of*:
   1. The information relevant to polychlorinated biphenyls from the reports provided by parties pursuant to Article 15 in accordance with paragraph (g) of part II of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;[[1]](#footnote-1)
   2. The preliminary assessment of efforts made towards the elimination of polychlorinated biphenyls developed by the United Nations Environment Programme in cooperation with the Secretariat and in consultation with the advisory committee of the Polychlorinated Biphenyls Elimination Network;[[2]](#footnote-2)
   3. The report by the United Nations Environment Programme on progress in the implementation of the Polychlorinated Biphenyls Elimination Network;[[3]](#footnote-3)
2. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme to inform the Conference of the Parties of the activities of the Polychlorinated Biphenyls Elimination Network at its eighth meeting;
3. *Requests* parties to step up their efforts to ensure the full and timely submission of their national reports under Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention, including information on progress in eliminating polychlorinated biphenyls;
4. *Encourages* parties to intensify efforts to eliminate polychlorinated biphenyls and meet the goals of the Stockholm Convention to eliminate the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment by 2025 and make determined efforts designed to lead to the environmentally sound management of waste liquids containing polychlorinated biphenyls and equipment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls having a polychlorinated biphenyls content above 0.005 per cent, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 6 of the Convention, as soon as possible but no later than 2028;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:
6. To consolidate the compilation of information referred to in paragraph 1 (a) above and the preliminary assessment referred to in paragraph 1 (b) above, taking into consideration any additional third national reports submitted in response to the request in paragraph 3 above, and any other relevant information, in accordance with the framework for the effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention;[[4]](#footnote-4)
7. To make the assessment report available, by 31 January 2016, to the effectiveness evaluation committee to support it in its work, and to submit the report to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its eighth meeting;
8. To continue to participate in the activities of the Polychlorinated Biphenyls Elimination Network;
9. *Invites* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, research institutions, industry bodies and other stakeholders to provide technical and financial resources to support the work of the Polychlorinated Biphenyls Elimination Network.

1. See UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/36 and UNEP/POPS/COP.7/27. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/9. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/10. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. UNEP/POPS/COP.6/27/Add.1/Rev.1, annex. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)