**POPRC-10/5: Guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals**

*The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee*

1. *Concludes* that the guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals[[1]](#footnote-1) should be revised to incorporate pertinent information contained in the report on the assessment of alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride,[[2]](#footnote-2) in addition to the information contained in the technical paper on the identification and assessment of alternatives to the use of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals in open applications[[3]](#footnote-3) and, as so revised, should be submitted to the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its eighth meeting, in 2017;

2. *Notes* that the inclusion of the information referred to in paragraph 1 of the present decision in the guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals could enhance parties’ understanding of such information and facilitate the work of the Committee in undertaking any future assessments that the Conference of the Parties might request it to undertake as part of the process for the evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Convention;[[4]](#footnote-4)

3. *Decides* to establish an intersessional working group to prepare, for consideration and adoption by the Committee at its eleventh meeting, a proposal for preparing a revision of the guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals that consolidates the information on alternatives to these chemicals in accordance with paragraph 1 of the present decision for consideration by the Committee at its twelfth meeting;

4. *Invites* parties and observers in a position to do so to provide financial support to enable the Secretariat to engage a consultant to support the activities referred to in the present decision.

1. UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/INF/11/Rev.1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/INF/7. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/INF/17/Rev.1. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Decision SC-6/4. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)