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**To :** Stockholm Convention Focal Points  
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**Subject:** Invitation to provide comments on draft guidelines on best available techniques and guidance on best environmental practices relevant to Article 5 and Annex C of the Stockholm Convention

Dear Colleagues,

At its second session held in Villarrica, Chile, from 8 to 12 December 2003, the Expert Group to develop guidelines on best available techniques and provisional guidance on best environmental practices relevant to the provisions of Article 5 and Annex C of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants agreed to undertake intersessional work to prepare the draft guidance and guidelines for its further consideration at its third session to be held from 11 to 16 October 2004 in Japan.

According to the schedule agreed for intersessional work (see paragraph 61 of UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/3), the preparation of the various sections of the draft guidance and guidelines was to be completed by 15 April 2005. The draft guidelines and guidance are now available at:

[http://www.pops.int/documents/meetings/bat\\_bep/2nd\\_session/egb2\\_followup/](http://www.pops.int/documents/meetings/bat_bep/2nd_session/egb2_followup/).

Sections of the draft that are not currently available will be posted as soon as they become so. If you are not able to access the document via the Internet, please let us know and we can send it to you on CD or paper copy.

Governments and other relevant organizations are invited to provide comments on the draft guidelines and guidance by **16 June 2004** to:

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***Submission by e-mail is much preferred.***

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Yours sincerely,

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