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INTERNATIONAL LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT
FOR IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON
CERTAIN PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

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Item 3 of the provisional agenda*

REVIEW OF ONGOING INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES RELATING
TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Related work on persistent organic pollutants under the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary Movements
of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal

Note by the secretariat

1. At its fourth session, held in Geneva from 21 to 24 June 1999, the Open-end Ad Hoc Committee for the Implementation of the Basel Convention submitted, inter alia, the following draft decision for consideration by the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, to be held in Basel, Switzerland, from 6 to 10 December 1999 (reference: UNEP/CHW/5/23).

**Cooperation with UNEP on activities undertaken at the global
level on persistent organic pollutants**

The Conference:

(a) Notes the substantive progress made by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention in strengthening cooperation with UNEP Chemicals on matters pertaining to persistent organic pollutants (POPs);

(b) Further notes the tasks contained in the proposed work programme of the Technical Working Group of relevance to POPs (reference document UNEP/CHW.5/11);

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(c) Requests the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Technical Working Group, to continue Its cooperation with UNEP Chemicals and FAO, and other relevant intergovernmental organizations on the issue of POPs, in particular with to (i) building up capacities of developing countries to manage waste POPs in an environmentally sound manner, (ii) ensuring efficient use of resources and identifying areas of common interest and opportunities for synergy, (iii) providing technical and other guidance to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on POPs as appropriate, and (iv) identifying overlaps and gaps and means to overcome them; and

(d) Also requests the Secretariat to report to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties as well as to the Technical Working Group on its cooperation with UNEP Chemicals and FAO, and other relevant intergovernmental organizations on issues related to POPs.

2. Included in the draft programme of work of the Technical Working Group of the Basel Convention referred to above is the provision of technical guidance to the secretariat of the Basel Convention on matters pertaining to coordination among intergovernmental bodies responsible for or involved in developing a legally binding instrument for POPs to ensure that there is no overlap with or gaps between this instrument and the Basel Convention. Also included is consideration of the issue of the stockpiling for the purpose of disposal and destruction, or for recycling.
