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INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT FOR IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON CERTAIN PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS Fourth session Bonn, 20-25 March 2000 Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS: REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT ON INTER-SESSIONAL WORK REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE

Information received from Governments regarding possible specific exemptions from the prohibition or elimination of the production or use of the 10 intentionally produced persistent organic pollutants: aldrin, chlordane, dieldrin, DDT, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, mirex, polychlorinated biphenyls and toxaphene:

Text of responses

Note by the secretariat

Addendum

1. As noted in UNEP/POPS/INC.4/INF/2, the secretariat has the honour to transmit to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, in the annex to the present note, responses received from Governments between 1 January and 4 March 2000 to its note verbale transmitted in October 1999. This note verbale requested information from Governments regarding possible specific exemptions to paragraphs 1 and 2 of article D of the draft text of an international legally binding instrument for implementing international action on certain

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persistent organic pollutants, as contained in annex II to the report of the third session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (UNEP/POPS/INC.3/4).

2. Responses included in the present addendum are from the following Governments: Canada, Liechtenstein, Pakistan, Peru and Singapore. The information is provided as submitted by the Governments which responded and has not been formally edited.

Annex

RESPONSES FROM GOVERNMENTS REGARDING POSSIBLE SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROHIBITION OR ELIMINATION OF THE PRODUCTION OR USE OF THE 10 INTENTIONALLY PRODUCED PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS