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CERTAIN PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

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Preparations for the Conference of the Parties

CASE STUDIES ON REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL CENTRES**

Note by the secretariat

1. In article 12, paragraph 4, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants requires that Parties “establish, as appropriate, arrangements for the purpose of providing technical assistance and promoting the transfer of technology to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition relating to the implementation of this Convention. These arrangements shall include regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology to assist developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to fulfil their obligations under this Convention. Further guidance in this regard shall be provided by the Conference of the Parties”.
2. At its sixth session, in its decision 6/10, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee requested the secretariat to develop and conduct, in cooperation with the secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and the Basel Convention regional centres, as appropriate, one or more case studies of regional and subregional centres for the purpose of facilitating capacity-building and transfer of technology in accordance with article 12 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and with a view to contributing to the feasibility study provided for in decision INC-6/9 on the feasibility study on regional and subregional centres.

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** Stockholm Convention, article 12, paragraph 4; Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Stockholm Convention, resolution 1, paragraph 4; report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on its sixth session (UNEP/POPS/INC.6/22), annex I, decision INC-6/10.

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3. In decision INC-6/10, the Committee invited Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and international financial institutions to provide information to the secretariat on how they might contribute to the case studies. The Committee agreed that implementation of the case studies should be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, and invited developed countries and other countries, in accordance with their capabilities, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and international financial institutions which were in a position to do so to contribute resources. The decision also requested the secretariat to report to the Committee at its seventh session on progress made in implementing the case studies.
4. In response to the request referred to in paragraph 3 above, 12 Governments submitted comments. Transcriptions of the actual submissions are available in document UNEP/POPS/INC.7/INF/16.
5. The secretariat is pleased to inform the seventh session of the Committee that extrabudgetary funds have been pledged for the development of the case studies on regional and subregional centres called for in decision INC-6/10. The case studies will be initiated after the financial resources have been received by the secretariat.

Possible action by the Committee

6. The Committee may wish to take note of the above report and request the secretariat to present a report on the case studies to the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting.
