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FOR IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON
CERTAIN PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

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Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

Preparations for the Conference of the Parties

**COLLECTION OF INFORMATION FROM RELEVANT FUNDING INSTITUTIONS ON THE
WAYS IN WHICH THEY CAN SUPPORT THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON
PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS****

Note by the secretariat

1. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, in paragraph 5 of its resolution 2, requested the interim secretariat to invite relevant funding institutions to provide information on ways in which they can support the Convention, and to submit a report on the basis of such information to the Conference of the Parties at its first session. In paragraph 6 of the resolution, the Conference of Plenipotentiaries requested that the Conference of the Parties, at its first session, review the availability of financial resources additional to those provided through the Global Environment Facility and the ways and means of mobilizing and channelling such resources in support of the objectives of the Convention.

2. At its sixth session, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, in its decision INC-6/15, invited Governments to provide the secretariat with relevant information on ways in which their funding institutions might support the objectives of the Convention. In the decision, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other observers were also invited to provide the secretariat with information on how they might support these objectives. The secretariat was requested to begin collecting this information from relevant funding institutions and to submit a preliminary draft report to the Committee for consideration at its next session.

* UNEP/POPS/INC.7/1.

** Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Stockholm Convention, resolution 2, paragraphs 5 and 6; report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on its sixth session (UNEP/POPS/INC.6/22), annex I, decision INC-6/15.

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3. As of 30 May 2003, the secretariat had received no submissions in response to Committee decision INC-6/15.

Possible action by the Committee

4. The Committee may wish to:

- (a) Take note of the information provided above;
- (b) Invite Governments to provide the secretariat with relevant information on ways in which their funding institutions may support the objectives of the Convention by 31 March 2004;
- (c) Invite intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other observers, as appropriate, to provide the secretariat with relevant information on ways in which they can support the objectives of the Convention by 31 March 2004;
- (d) Request the secretariat to collect information from relevant funding institutions on the ways in which they can support the objectives of the Convention, and to submit a report of the information received to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its first session.
