

SC-2/16: Official communications with Parties and observers

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Invites* Parties to nominate to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention official contact points for the performance of administrative functions and all formal communications under the Convention through their United Nations Environment Programme official contact points or their diplomatic missions;

2. *Approves* the nomination form reproduced in annex I of the note by the Secretariat on official communication with Parties and observers¹ and encourages Parties to use the form for making their nominations pursuant to paragraph 1 above;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to maintain and update as needed a list of official contact points and to make it publicly available;

4. *Invites* non-Party States to nominate, should they wish to do so, contact points for communications concerning matters pertaining to the Convention;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat to use the list in annex II of the note by the Secretariat of contacts in United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Global Environment Facility for the purpose of inviting observers to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies and for the purpose of communication with observers during the periods between meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies;

6. *Also requests* the Secretariat to use the list of national and international governmental and non-governmental bodies and agencies in annex III of the note by the Secretariat, as updated at each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for the purpose of inviting observers to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies and for official communication during the periods between the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies;

7. *Agrees* to accredit to the meetings of the Conference the non-governmental organizations listed in part 2 of annex III of the note by the Secretariat on the understanding that the Conference of the Parties may decide on the admission of those observers to any meeting of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies pursuant to paragraph 8 of Article 19 of the Convention;

8. *Invites* non-governmental organizations which are not included in the list contained in part 2 of annex III of the note by the Secretariat and which wish to be accredited to the meetings of the Conference to submit the information listed in annex IV of the note by the Secretariat to the Secretariat for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its next ordinary meeting;

9. *Requests* the Secretariat to update the list of national and international governmental and non-governmental bodies and agencies after each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting with the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, by including in the list those intergovernmental organizations which registered at that meeting and those non-governmental organizations which were accredited at that meeting.