

SC-2/5: Ongoing review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Welcomes* the second edition of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases;¹
2. *Recognizes* the potential of the Toolkit as the guidance for undertaking release inventories pursuant to Article 5 and Annex C of the Convention and as a methodology for national implementation plans for compiling national dioxin (PCDD) and furan (PCDF) release inventories;
3. *Notes* the requests from Parties and others to verify emission factors, address gaps and otherwise improve the usefulness of the Toolkit, particularly regarding the situation in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and for training in the use of the Toolkit;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat to initiate an open, transparent process, in cooperation with the Chemicals Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics and in consultation with users and specialized experts in the field of emission factors and measurements related to releases of Annex C persistent organic pollutants, to develop further the Toolkit;
5. *Invites* Parties and others to provide data and information to assist in the process for review and further development of the Toolkit;
6. *Also invites* Parties and others to include in their measurement and monitoring programmes the determination of mass concentrations of not only PCDD/PCDF but also of hexachlorobenzene (HCB) and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and to provide that information to the Secretariat;
7. *Further invites* Parties and other donors to provide funding for supporting the work outlined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 6 above.