

SC-4/3: Exemptions

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Notes* the cancellation of all specific exemptions that were recorded in the Register of Specific Exemptions for the persistent organic pollutant chemicals listed in Annexes A or B of the Convention at the time of its adoption;
2. *Also notes* that, with the exception of polychlorinated biphenyls, all current exemptions listed in Annex A and Annex B of the Convention will be unavailable to Parties after 17 May 2009;
3. *Congratulates* all Parties that have eliminated the need for specific exemptions in Annex A and Annex B of the Convention;
4. *Agrees* to extend the expiration date in paragraph 6 of the review process for entries in the Register of Specific Exemptions¹ to 2015;
5. *Encourages* those Parties that may seek a specific exemption for future persistent organic pollutant chemicals to make efforts to introduce alternative measures as soon as possible and requests the Secretariat to establish a revised register as appropriate.

1 Decision SC-3/3, annex.