

## SC-4/7: Standardized Toolkit for the Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Takes note* of the progress report set out in the annex to the note by the Secretariat on the ongoing review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for the Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases<sup>1</sup> and of the reports of the Toolkit expert meetings contained in annexes I and II to the note by the Secretariat on those meetings;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Encourages* Parties to use the Toolkit, including the new information generated to date, when elaborating source inventories and release estimates under Article 5, and for the reporting of those releases under Article 15, taking into consideration the source categories identified in Annex C, and to provide comments on their experience to the Secretariat;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue implementing the process for the ongoing review and updating of the Toolkit, as adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision SC-3/6, and to report on progress made to the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting;

4. *Also requests* the Secretariat, when implementing the Toolkit review and updating process, to place adequate emphasis on the key sources for which limited monitoring data are available, including sources of hexachlorobenzene and polychlorinated biphenyls; to support efforts by developing countries and countries with economies in transition to identify their sources, including those not specifically addressed in the Toolkit, and their efforts to verify their emission factors; and to organize training and capacity-building activities on Toolkit use, subject to the availability of funds;

5. *Invites* Parties, States not party to the Convention, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations and industry:

(a) To generate relevant data and information on Annex C chemicals, as identified in the Toolkit review and updating process, and to provide it to the Secretariat;

(b) To participate actively in the Toolkit review and updating process;

(c) To facilitate transfer of knowledge and capacity strengthening through strategic partnerships and joint activities, including informal support for small-scale screening projects by well-equipped laboratories;

6. *Invites* Parties and others in a position to do so to provide funding to support the work outlined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

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1 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/11.

2 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/INF/5.