

SC-4/9: National implementation plans

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the implementation plans transmitted by Parties pursuant to Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention;¹
2. *Takes note* of the deadline for transmission of each Party's implementation plan;²
3. *Encourages* those Parties for which the deadlines for transmitting their implementation plans have passed to transmit their plans as soon as possible if they have not already done so;
4. *Takes note* of the draft additional guidance on the calculation of action plan costs, including incremental costs and action plans for specific persistent organic pollutants;³
5. *Invites* and encourages Parties:
 - (a) To use the guidance on social and economic assessment in the development and implementation of their national implementation plans;⁴
 - (b) To use the draft additional guidance on the calculation of action plan costs, including incremental costs, and action plans for specific persistent organic pollutants in the development, review and implementation of their national implementation plans;
 - (c) To provide the Secretariat with comments on how to improve the usefulness of the social and economic guidance and additional guidance on the calculation of action plan costs based on their experience in using those two sets of guidance;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat:
 - (a) To prepare a revised version of the social and economic guidance, taking into account the comments received by the Secretariat⁵ and any further comments provided by Parties in response to paragraph 5 (c) of the present decision, resources permitting, if sufficient information is provided to enable it to do so;
 - (b) To prepare a revised version of the additional guidance on the calculation of action plan costs based on comments provided in response to paragraph 5 (c) of the present decision, resources permitting, if sufficient information is provided to enable it to do so;
 - (c) To identify any additional guidance that might be required to assist Parties in their development and implementation of the Convention, to continue working on the development of the guidance called for in paragraph 5 of decision SC-1/12 and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting on progress made;
7. *Invites* Parties and others in a position to do so to provide the additional funding required for developing the additional guidance.

1 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/INF/25/Rev.1, annex.

2 Ibid.

3 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/INF/11.

4 UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/8.

5 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/INF/26.