

SC-5/11: Operation of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the entry into force of the amendments to Annexes A, B and C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants stemming from decisions SC-4/10–SC-4/18, by which the Conference of the Parties listed nine new chemicals in those annexes, subject to paragraph 3 (b) of Article 22 and paragraph 4 of Article 25;
2. *Takes note* of the Secretariat's activities to support initial actions by parties and to facilitate the implementation of the Convention following the entry into force of the above amendments;
3. *Invites* parties and observers in a position to do so to contribute to the activities related to the newly listed chemicals and to provide financial support for the implementation of those activities;
4. *Welcomes* the reports of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on its fifth and sixth meetings;¹
5. *Takes note* of the information provided in those reports on developments in the Committee, including in respect of its procedures;
6. *Adopts* the amendment to the Committee's terms of reference set out in annex I to the present decision;
7. *Confirms* the appointment of the newly designated experts to serve as members of the Committee;²
8. *Adopts* the list of parties to be invited to nominate Committee members for terms of office commencing on 5 May 2012 set out in annex II to the present decision;
9. *Takes note* of the workplans adopted by the Committee;³
10. *Also takes note* of the guidance document on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonate and its derivatives and recommends to parties that they make use of it and provide feedback to the Committee in that regard;⁴
11. *Endorses* the publication of the handbook and the pocket guide on the Committee's work and recommends to parties that they make use of them;⁵
12. *Takes note* of the information on the implementation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 3 of the Convention and on national regulations on unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles;⁶
13. *Requests* the Committee, through the Secretariat, to forward the new information on unintentional releases of newly listed chemicals that it has received and any further relevant information that it might receive to the expert group on best available techniques and best environmental practices established pursuant to decision SC-5/12 for its consideration;
14. *Forwards* the outcome of the study prepared by an expert group on the interlinkages between climate change and persistent organic pollutants⁷ to the Committee to consider the possible implications of those interlinkages for the Committee's work;

1 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.5/10 and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13.

2 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.5/INF/4 and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/INF/3/Rev.1.

3 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.5/10, annex II, and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13, annex V.

4 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13/Add.3.

5 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/INF/9 and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.5/INF/7.

6 UNEP/POPS/COP.5/INF/9 and UNEP/POPS/COP.5/INF/10.

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

15. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue the activities listed in decision POPRC-6/7 to assist parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition and to report on the results of those activities to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;

16. *Urges* parties and observers in a position to do so to contribute to the Committee's work and to provide financial support for the implementation of activities to support the effective participation of parties in that work.

Annex I to decision SC-5/11

Amendment to the terms of reference of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

Insert a new paragraph after paragraph 15 to read:

“The Committee shall meet in closed session before the start of each meeting of the Committee to discuss any issues related to conflicts of interest of Committee members. Should any conflict of interest of a Committee member arise, the Chair of the Committee shall consult the President of the Conference of the Parties and the Executive Secretary with a view to making a decision on the member's participation in the Committee's work in respect of a particular chemical.”

Annex II to decision SC-5/11

List of parties identified by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting to nominate Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee members whose terms of office will commence on 5 May 2012

From the African group

Cameroon
Kenya
Madagascar
Sudan

From the Asian and Pacific group

India
Indonesia
Kuwait
Republic of Korea

From the Central and Eastern European group

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

From the Latin American and Caribbean group

Brazil
Cuba

From the Western European and others group

France
Norway
Party to be identified by the region
