

SC-5/13: Review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Toolkit expert meetings;¹
2. *Welcomes* the conclusions and recommendations of the Toolkit experts presented in the annex to the note by the Secretariat on the ongoing review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases² and endorses their inclusion in the revision of the Toolkit;
3. *Encourages* parties to use the Toolkit, taking into account the new information and the conclusions and recommendations of the Toolkit experts presented in the annex to the note by the Secretariat on review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases,³ when developing source inventories and release estimates under Article 5 and reporting estimated releases under Article 15, taking into consideration the source categories identified in Annex C, and to provide comments on their experience to the Secretariat;
4. *Requests* the Toolkit experts to compile the information on unintentional releases of persistent organic pollutants provided through national reports pursuant to Article 15 and to prepare a preliminary analysis of that information to facilitate its evaluation under the proposed framework for evaluating the effectiveness of the Convention;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue implementing the process for the ongoing review and updating of the Toolkit adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision SC-3/6 and to report on progress made, including in respect of the completion of the revised version of the Toolkit, to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;
6. *Also requests* the Secretariat, within available resources, to organize awareness-raising and training with regard to the revised Toolkit to harmonize the approaches for the updating and revision of reported source inventories and release estimates as a means of achieving data comparability and consistency in respect of time trends;
7. *Invites* parties, non-parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and industry bodies:
 - (a) To generate relevant data and information on chemicals listed in Annex C to the Convention, as identified in the Toolkit review and updating process, and to provide that information to the Secretariat;
 - (b) To participate actively in the Toolkit review and updating process;
 - (c) To facilitate transfer of knowledge and capacity-building through strategic partnerships and joint activities, including informal support for small-scale screening projects by well-equipped laboratories;
8. *Invites* parties and others in a position to do so to provide funding to support the work outlined in paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

1 UNEP/POPS/COP.5/INF/6.

2 UNEP/POPS/COP.5/11.

3 Ibid.