

SC-5/14: Implementation plans

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the additional implementations plans transmitted by parties pursuant to Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;¹
2. *Takes note* of the deadline for the transmission of each party's implementation plan, in addition to the deadlines for revised and updated implementation plans;
3. *Also takes note* of the concern expressed by parties, particularly developing-country parties, parties with economies in transition and small island developing States, regarding the need for adequate technical and financial assistance for the review and updating of national implementation plans with information relating to the newly listed persistent organic pollutants;
4. *Encourages* those parties for whom the deadlines for transmitting their implementation plans have passed to transmit their plans as soon as possible if they have not already done so;
5. *Encourages* parties to use the existing guidance under the Stockholm Convention when developing, reviewing or updating their implementation plans and to provide the Secretariat with comments on how to improve the usefulness of the guidance based on their experiences in using it;
6. *Takes note* of the progress made in developing guidance for the review and updating of national implementation plans with information relating to the newly listed persistent organic pollutants;²
7. *Requests* the Secretariat:
 - (a) To continue to prepare the guidance mentioned in paragraph 6 above;
 - (b) To prepare a revised version of the social and economic guidance³ taking into account the comments provided by parties, resources permitting, and if sufficient information is provided to enable it to do so;
 - (c) To prepare a revised version of the additional guidance on the calculation of action plan costs taking into account the comments provided by parties, in addition to the amendments to Annexes A, B and C to the Convention, subject to the availability of resources;
 - (d) To identify any additional guidance that might be required to assist parties in their implementation of the Convention and to continue to work 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 sixth meeting on the progress made;
 - (e) To prepare, within available resources, a report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting for its consideration and subsequent action on the feasibility of parties, particularly developing-country parties, parties with economies in transition and small island developing States, to revise and update their implementation plans with information relating to the newly listed persistent organic pollutants, including recommendations on how to assist them with any difficulties encountered;
 - (f) To prepare, within available resources, a report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting for its consideration and subsequent action on a legal opinion on Article 7 of the Convention regarding deadlines for the transmission of revised implementation plans, taking into account decisions SC-1/12 and SC-2/7, in particular when new chemicals are listed in Annexes A, B, or C;
8. *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.5/INF/7/Rev.1.

2 UNEP/POPS/COP.5/13.

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