

SC-5/16: Reporting

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the reports submitted by parties pursuant to Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants using the enhanced version of the electronic system for reporting;
2. *Takes note* of the Secretariat's report pursuant to paragraph 2 (d) of Article 20 based on the national reports submitted by parties under Article 15;¹
3. *Also takes note* of the information provided pursuant to paragraph (g) of part II of Annex A to the Convention on progress in eliminating polychlorinated biphenyls;
4. *Urges* parties that have not yet done so to submit their national reports pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention no later than 31 July 2011;
5. *Decides* that, in accordance with Article 15, each party shall submit its third national report pursuant to Article 15 to the Secretariat by 31 August 2014 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat:
 - (a) To prepare a periodic report pursuant to paragraph 2 (d) of Article 20 of the Convention for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
 - (b) To update the reporting format to include the nine chemicals listed in Annexes A, B and C to the Convention by decisions SC-4/10–SC-4/18 of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;
 - (c) Further to improve the electronic system for reporting, taking into account possible synergies with the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and other relevant processes, in time for it to be used for the submission of the third report pursuant to Article 15, bearing in mind the comments received from parties on their experiences in using the system and in view of the use of the national reports as one element in undertaking an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention pursuant to Article 16;
 - (d) To continue to provide guidance to parties on the use of the electronic system for reporting;
 - (e) To contact, directly or through involvement of the regional centres, parties that have not reported, in order to identify obstacles to reporting;
 - (f) To develop a strategy to increase the rate of submission of national reports by parties pursuant to Article 15, taking into account the feedback received from parties on obstacles to reporting;
 - (g) To give feedback, where appropriate and in a cost-efficient manner, to parties on their reporting so that they are aware of both positive and problematic aspects of their reporting, if requested.

1 UNEP/POPS/COP.5/29, annex I, and UNEP/POPS/COP.5/INF/23.