

## SC-5/20: Guidance on technical assistance

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in the note by the Secretariat on guidance on technical assistance;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Invites* developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition to provide information to the Secretariat on their technical assistance and technology transfer needs and the barriers and obstacles in that regard;
3. *Also invites* developed-country parties to provide information to the Secretariat on the technical assistance and technologies that they have available to be transferred to developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition, together with the barriers and obstacles to responding to those needs referred to in paragraph 2 above;
4. *Further invites* parties and others to share agroecological knowledge, experience, strategies and practices that could be relevant as alternatives to persistent organic pollutants;
5. *Invites* parties and relevant international and non-governmental organizations, including regional centres, to provide information to the Secretariat by 31 March 2012 on their experiences in implementing the guidance on technical assistance and transfer of environmentally sound technologies set out in the annex to decision SC-1/15;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to submit a report on progress in the application of the guidance on technical assistance and transfer of environmentally sound technology at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which should include analysis of obstacles and barriers to gaining access to technical assistance and technology transfer and recommendations on how to overcome them, based on the information to be provided pursuant to paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 of the present decision and any other pertinent information;
7. *Invites* the Stockholm Convention regional centres to develop and regularly update a list of technologies available to be transferred to developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 12 of the Convention;
8. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to implement its technical assistance programme as an integral part of its work to facilitate the delivery of technical assistance and the transfer of technology, taking into account the guidance on technical assistance and transfer of environmentally sound technologies set out in the annex to decision SC-1/15.