

## SC-6/20: Consolidated guidance to the financial mechanism

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in the note by the Secretariat on consolidated guidance to the financial mechanism;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* the guidance to the financial mechanism that it adopted in decisions SC-1/9 and SC-4/27 and the additional guidance that it adopted in decisions SC-2/11, SC-3/16, SC-4/28 and SC-5/23;

3. *Requests* the entities entrusted with the financial mechanism of the Convention, taking into account the general guidance to the financial mechanism set out in the annex to decision SC-1/9, to continue to support eligible parties to the Convention in their efforts to develop plans for the implementation of their obligations under the Convention and to review and update, as appropriate, those implementation plans on a periodic basis;

4. *Also requests* the entities entrusted with the financial mechanism of the Convention, taking into account the specific deadlines set forth in the Convention, to continue to consider in their programming of areas of work for the forthcoming two bienniums, from 2014 to 2017, the following priority areas:

(a) Elimination of the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment by 2025;

(b) Environmentally sound waste management of liquids containing polychlorinated biphenyls and equipment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls, having a polychlorinated biphenyls content above 0.005 per cent, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 6 and part II of Annex A of the Convention, as soon as possible and no later than 2028;

(c) Elimination or restriction of the production and use of newly listed persistent organic pollutants;

(d) Elimination of the production and use of DDT, except for parties that have notified the Secretariat of their intention to produce and/or use it;

(e) For parties that produce and/or use DDT, restriction of such production and/or use for disease vector control in accordance with World Health Organization recommendations and guidelines on the use of DDT and when locally safe, effective and affordable alternatives are not available to the party in question;

(f) Use of best available techniques for new sources in the categories listed in part II of Annex C of the Convention as soon as practicable but no later than four years after the entry into force of the Convention for a party;

5. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility:

(a) To respond to the rapidly evolving chemicals and wastes agenda and the changing needs of developing country parties and parties with economies in transition, including, among other measures, through the Small Grants Programme;

(b) When providing financial support, to give priority to countries that have not yet received funding for the implementation of activities contained in their national implementation plans;

(c) To take into account the changing needs of developing country parties and parties with economies in transition when updating their national implementation plans to include newly listed persistent organic pollutants;

(d) To continue to provide adequate financial resources to activities to implement obligations under the Stockholm Convention, while within its mandate exploring how to mobilize further financial resources for chemicals and wastes;

(e) To consider increasing, in the sixth replenishment of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility, the overall amount of funding accorded to the chemicals focal area;

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.6/24, UNEP/POPS/COP.6/INF/26.

6. *Reiterates* its request to the Global Environment Facility, in its support for the delivery of technical assistance on a regional basis, to give consideration to the proposals that may be developed by nominated Stockholm Convention centres and to prioritize such support to those centres situated in developing countries and countries with economies in transition in accordance with paragraph 31 of the terms of reference for regional and subregional centres contained in the annex to decision SC-2/9 and paragraph 5 (e) of the annex to decision SC-3/12;

7. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To prepare, on the basis of the annex to its note on consolidated guidance to the financial mechanism,<sup>2</sup> a complete set of such guidance, by incorporating the guidance set out in paragraphs 3–6 of the present decision;

(b) To transmit the complete set of guidance to the Global Environment Facility as an input of the Conference of the Parties to the negotiations on the sixth replenishment of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility;

(c) To make the complete set of guidance available on the Convention website;

(d) To update the complete set of guidance for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;

(e) To communicate to the parties to the Stockholm Convention the amounts and allocations of the sixth replenishment of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility;

8. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to include, in its regular reports to the Conference of the Parties, as set forth in paragraph 9 (a) of the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility, information on the implementation of the complete set of guidance referred to in paragraph 7 (a) of the present decision.

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<sup>2</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.6/24 and INF/26.