

SC-6/21: National reporting

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Adopts* the revised reporting format set out in the note by the Secretariat;¹
2. *Takes note* of the progress made by the Secretariat in further improving the online electronic system for reporting based on the revised reporting format and 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;
3. *Encourages* parties to use the revised electronic online reporting system when submitting their third national reports pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention, which, in accordance with decision SC-5/16, are to be submitted to the Secretariat by 31 August 2014 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
4. *Takes note* of the draft strategy² to increase the rate of submission of national reports by parties pursuant to Article 15 and invites parties and requests the Secretariat to implement, where appropriate, the recommendations contained therein;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat, within available resources:
 - (a) To update the reporting format to include hexabromocyclododecane, listed in Annex A to the Convention by decision SC-6/13, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
 - (b) 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, as called for in paragraph 6 (a) of decision SC-5/16;
 - (c) To further improve the online 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, in time for it to be used by parties for the submission of their third national reports pursuant to Article 15, bearing in mind the comments received from parties on their experiences in using the system and considering that national reports are one of the elements to be considered 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, including through workshops and webinars;
 - (e) To continue, where appropriate and in a cost-efficient manner, to provide feedback to parties regarding the submission of their reports pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention so that they are aware of both positive and problematic aspects of their reporting.

¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.6/26/Add.1/Rev.1.

² UNEP/POPS/COP.6/INF/28.