

## SC-7/10: Implementation plans

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Welcomes* the additional implementation plans transmitted by parties pursuant to Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants including the revised and updated plans;
2. *Takes note* of the deadlines for the transmission of revised and updated implementation plans;<sup>1</sup>
3. *Encourages* those parties that have not transmitted their implementation plans within the deadlines to do so as soon as possible;
4. *Takes note* of the revised draft versions of the following guidance documents:
  - (a) Guidance for developing a national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (draft, updated in 2014);<sup>2</sup>
  - (b) Draft guidance for the inventory of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention (2015);<sup>3</sup>
  - (c) Draft guidance for the inventory of polybrominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention (2015);<sup>4</sup>
5. *Encourages* parties to use the revised guidance documents listed in part A of the annex to the present decision when developing, reviewing and updating their national implementation plans;<sup>5</sup>
6. *Requests* parties and others to provide comments to the Secretariat based on their experience in using the most up-to-date versions of guidance documents to assist parties in developing, reviewing and updating their national implementation plans, as listed in part A of the annex to the present decision, on how to improve their usefulness, and requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to update the guidance documents listed in part A of the annex, as appropriate;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat:
  - (a) To continue, subject to the availability of resources, to update the guidance listed in part B of the annex to the present decision, as appropriate, on the basis of the comments received from Parties and others by 31 March 2016;
  - (b) To undertake, subject to the availability of resources, capacity-building and training activities to support parties and, hence, facilitate the development, revision and updating of national implementation plans, taking into account the guidance documents listed in part A of the annex to the present decision;
  - (c) To develop new guidance on inventorying, as necessary and subject to the availability of resources, the persistent organic pollutants listed by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting in decisions SC-7/12, SC-7/13 and SC-7/14;
  - (d) To identify for consideration at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties whether any additional guidance might be required to assist parties in the development, review and updating of national implementation plans;
  - (e) To submit a report on further progress on those matters, including revisions of the guidance set out in the annex to the present decision, to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its eighth meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> See UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/24.

<sup>2</sup> See UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/25.

<sup>3</sup> See UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/26.

<sup>4</sup> See UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/27.

<sup>5</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.7/16, annex. The full set of guidance documents to assist parties in developing, reviewing and updating their national implementation plans is available on the Convention website at <http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/NIPs/Guidance/tabid/2882/Default.aspx>.

## Annex to decision SC-7/10

### List of available guidance on developing, reviewing and updating national implementation plans<sup>6</sup>

#### Part A

<b>Guidance on the development and updating of national implementation plans</b>
Guidance for developing a national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (draft, updated in 2014)
<b>Additional guidance</b>
Draft guidance for the inventory of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (2015)
Draft guidance for the inventory of polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) listed under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (2015)

#### Part B

Draft guidance on socio-economic assessment for national implementation plan development and implementation under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (2007)
Draft guidance on calculation of action plan costs for specific persistent organic pollutants (2012)
Draft guidance for the control of the import and export of persistent organic pollutants (2012)
Labelling of products or articles that contain persistent organic pollutants – initial considerations (draft, 2012)
Draft guidance on sampling, screening and analysis of persistent organic pollutants in products and articles (2013)
Draft guidance for the identification, inventory and substitution of hexabromocyclododecane (2015)

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<sup>6</sup> Also available on the Convention website at:  
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