



Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants Eighth meeting

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Organizational matters: election of officers

Election of officers

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. At its eighth meeting the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants is expected to elect the officers of the Conference of the Parties that will serve during its ninth meeting. The present note provides information regarding these elections.

2. In addition to electing those officers, the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting is expected to appoint the 14 experts designated subsequent to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to serve as members of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee with terms of office from 5 May 2016 to 4 May 2020, and to elect 17 new members of the Committee with terms of office from 5 May 2018 to 4 May 2022 (see UNEP/POPS/COP.8/12).

3. A table providing an overview of all the elections expected to take place during the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention is set out in the annex to document UNEP/CHW.13/INF/6-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/22-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/34.

II. Implementation

4. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of rule 22 of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties, as adopted by decision SC-1/1 with the exception of the second sentence of paragraph 1 of rule 45, and as amended by decision SC-5/1, set out the following procedures for the election of the officers of the Conference of the Parties:

Rule 22

1. At each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a President and nine Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall act as Rapporteur, shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. These officers shall serve as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. They shall commence their terms of office at the closure of the meeting at which they are elected and remain in office until the closure of the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including for any intervening extraordinary

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meeting. Each of the five United Nations regional groups shall be represented by two members.

2. The offices of the President and Rapporteur shall normally be subject to rotation among the United Nations regional groups. No elected officer may serve on the Bureau for more than two consecutive terms.

5. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected one President and nine Vice-Presidents from among the representatives present at the meeting to serve as officers from the closure of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties until the closure of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as follows:

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| President: | Mr Sam Adu-Kumi (Ghana) |
| Vice-Presidents: | Mr. Andrew McNee (Australia) |
| | Mr. Luis Ignacio Vayas Valdivieso (Ecuador) |
| | Ms. Ana Berejiani (Georgia) |
| | Ms. Daina Ozola (Latvia) |
| | Mr. Reginald Hernaus (Netherlands) |
| | Mr. Marcus L. Natta (Saint Kitts and Nevis) |
| | Mr. Ali Mohammed Ali Mahmoud (Sudan) |
| | Mr. Nguyen Anh-Tuan (Viet Nam) |
| | Mr. Ali Al-Dobhani (Yemen) |

6. Mr. McNee was also elected to act as Rapporteur.¹

7. In accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure, at its eighth meeting the Conference of the Parties is to elect a President and nine Vice-Presidents, one of whom is to act as Rapporteur, from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. Those officers are to commence their terms of office at the closure of the eighth meeting and serve until the closure of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including for any intervening extraordinary meeting.

8. In accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure, for the purposes of regional rotation the next President would be expected to be elected from among the Asia-Pacific States represented at the meeting and the Rapporteur from among the African States.

9. To facilitate the election of officers a list of the regions and Parties from which the offices of President and Rapporteur have been filled since the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties is set out in the annex to the present note.

10. Pursuant to decision SC-7/33 on the programme of work and budget for the Stockholm Convention for the biennium 2016–2017, no representative of any Party whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years shall be eligible to become a member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties or a member of any subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties, provided, however, that this shall not apply to parties that are least developed countries or small island developing States or to Parties that have agreed on and are respecting a schedule of payments in accordance with the financial rules.

11. Information on arrears in assessed contributions to the general trust funds of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions is provided in a note by the Secretariat on a combined proposal for the programmes of work and proposed budgets for the three conventions for the biennium 2018–2019, including joint activities (UNEP/CHW.13/26-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/25-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/29), and associated documents cited therein.

12. Pursuant to the Gender Action Plan of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for 2016–2017,² the Secretariat promotes active gender-balanced participation in meetings of the bodies of the conventions, including by officers.

¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.7/36, para.30.

² Available at <http://brsmeas.org/Gender/BRSGenderActionPlan/tabid/3652/language/fr-CH/Default.aspx>.

III. Proposed action

13. The Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting is invited to elect a President and nine Vice-Presidents, including one Vice-President to act as Rapporteur, to serve as officers of the Conference of the Parties from the closure of its eighth meeting to the closure of its the ninth meeting, including for any intervening extraordinary meeting.

Annex

Regions and Parties from which the offices of President and Rapporteur have been filled since the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties

| | <i>First meeting</i> | <i>Second meeting</i> | <i>Third meeting</i> | <i>Fourth meeting</i> | <i>Fifth meeting</i> | <i>Sixth meeting</i> | <i>Seventh meeting</i> | <i>Eighth meeting</i> |
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| President | Latin American and Caribbean States (Uruguay) | Western European and other States (New Zealand) | African States (Senegal) | Asia-Pacific States (Islamic Republic of Iran) | Central and Eastern European States (Czechia) | Latin American and Caribbean States (Chile) | Western European and other States (Sweden) | African States (Ghana) |
| Rapporteur | Latin American and Caribbean States (Barbados) | Latin American and Caribbean States (Barbados) | Western European and other States (Netherlands) | African States (Zambia) | Asia-Pacific States (India) | Central and Eastern European States (Czechia) | Latin American and Caribbean States (Ecuador) | Western European and other States (Australia) |