

SC-8/8: Implementation plans

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the priority areas for action recognized in decision SC-8/18 on effectiveness evaluation as they relate to implementation plans,

1. *Welcomes* the additional implementation plans transmitted by Parties pursuant to Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention, including revised and updated plans;¹
2. *Takes note* of the deadlines for the transmission of revised and updated implementation plans;²
3. *Urges* those Parties that have not transmitted their implementation plans within the deadlines to transmit them as soon as possible;
4. *Takes note* of the following guidance documents:³
 - (a) Guidance on developing a national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
 - (b) Guidance on preparing inventories of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
 - (c) Guidance on preparing inventories of polybrominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
 - (d) Guidance on socioeconomic assessment for national implementation plan development and implementation under the Stockholm Convention;
 - (e) Guidance on the calculation of action plan costs for specific persistent organic pollutants under the Stockholm Convention;
 - (f) Guidance on the control of the import and export of persistent organic pollutants;
 - (g) Guidance on the labelling of products or articles that contain persistent organic pollutants – initial considerations;
 - (h) Guidance on the sampling, screening and analysis of persistent organic pollutants in products and articles;
 - (i) Guidance on preparing inventories of hexabromocyclododecane;
 - (j) Draft guidance on preparing inventories of hexachlorobutadiene;⁴
 - (k) Draft guidance on preparing inventories of polychlorinated naphthalenes;⁵
 - (l) Draft guidance on preparing inventories of pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters and on identifying alternatives for the phase-out of those chemicals;⁶
5. *Encourages* Parties to use the guidance referred to in paragraphs 4 (a)–(c) above, as appropriate, when developing, reviewing and updating their national implementation plans;

¹ See UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/17/Rev.1.

² Ibid.

³ The draft guidance documents listed in paragraphs 4 (a)–(i) are available at <http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/NIPs/Guidance/tabid/2882/Default.aspx>.

⁴ UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/18.

⁵ UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/19.

⁶ UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/20.

6. *Invites* Parties and others to provide comments to the Secretariat on the guidance documents listed in paragraph 4 above by 30 June 2018, including based on their experience in using the guidance documents and on how to improve their usefulness;

7. *Invites* the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal to review the waste-related aspects of the guidance documents listed in paragraphs 4 (j)–(l) above and to forward the outcome of their review to the Secretariat no later than one week after the eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group for its consideration in the updating of the guidance in line with the request set out in paragraph 8 (a) below;

8. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To continue, subject to the availability of resources, to update the guidance documents listed in paragraph 4 above, as appropriate, on the basis of the comments received from Parties and others, including from Basel Convention bodies, as referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 above;

(b) To undertake, subject to the availability of resources, capacity-building and training activities to support Parties in order to facilitate the development, review and updating of national implementation plans, taking into account the guidance documents listed in paragraphs 4 (a)–(c) above;

(c) To develop, as necessary and subject to the availability of resources, new guidance on preparing inventories of the persistent organic pollutants listed by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting in decisions SC-8/10 and SC-8/11;

(d) To continue to identify any additional guidance that might be required to assist Parties in the development, review and updating of national implementation plans;

(e) To develop, subject to the availability of resources, an electronic template for the quantitative information included in national implementation plans in a harmonized manner with the reporting under Article 15 of the Convention;

9. *Also requests* the Secretariat, in consultation with the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and the experts on best available techniques and best environmental practices, taking into account comments from Parties and others, and subject to the availability of resources, to develop draft guidance documents on alternatives for the phase-out of the chemicals listed by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting in decisions SC-8/10 and SC-8/11 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting;

10. *Requests* Parties to identify diversified, accessible, predictable and sustainable financial resources as required by the Convention to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition in updating their national implementation plans under Article 7 of the Convention.