

## SC-9/9: Implementation plans

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Welcomes* the implementation plans transmitted by Parties pursuant to Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and urges those Parties that have not transmitted their implementation plans to transmit them as soon as possible;
2. *Takes note* of the information on progress in developing an electronic template for the reporting of quantitative information contained in national implementation plans in a harmonized manner with the reporting under Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention,<sup>1</sup> invites the United Nations Environment Programme to submit the electronic template to the Secretariat, and requests the Secretariat to make it available to Parties;
3. *Invites* Parties to submit to the Secretariat comments on the electronic template, and requests the Secretariat to compile those comments for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting;
4. *Takes note* of the revised guidance on developing and updating national implementation plans for the Stockholm Convention<sup>2</sup> and the preliminary draft guidance prepared by the Secretariat;<sup>3</sup>
5. *Invites* Parties and observers to provide comments to the Secretariat on the guidance referred to in paragraph 4 of the present decision by 31 August 2020;
6. *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 referred to in paragraph 4 of the present decision and provide comments to the Secretariat by 31 August 2020;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:
  - (a) To continue, in consultation with the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and the experts on best available techniques and best environmental practices, as appropriate, to further revise the guidance referred to in paragraph 4 of the present decision, taking into account the comments received in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 of the present decision;
  - (b) To undertake capacity-building activities to support Parties in developing and updating their national implementation plans;
  - (c) To continue to support the development of an electronic template for the reporting of quantitative information contained in national implementation plans in a manner harmonized with the reporting under Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention and to develop a template for the reporting of qualitative information contained in the implementation plans that would be useful in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the Convention, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting;
  - (d) To develop guidance on preparing inventories of the persistent organic pollutants listed in decisions SC-9/11 and SC-9/12;
  - (e) To develop guidance on alternatives to the persistent organic pollutants listed in decisions SC-9/11 and SC-9/12.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.9/11.

<sup>2</sup> <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/7730/Default.aspx>.

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/18, UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/19, UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/19/Add.1, UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/20, UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/21.