

2. Polychlorinated biphenyls

1. As is described in the note by the Secretariat on polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) (UNEP/POPS/COP.10/6), in paragraph 9 of decision SC-9/3, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat, among other things, to prepare guidance on a standardized approach to developing inventories of PCB and to analysis for the identification and quantification of PCB for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting. The initial draft of the guidance has been prepared and made available in document UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/12.
2. Given that the above issue is to be considered by the Conference of the Parties during its face-to-face segment and in order to support Parties to develop inventories of PCB on time for the fifth national reports due 31 August 2022, Parties and observers are invited to provide comments on the initial draft guidance by the extended deadline of **1 December 2021**. The Secretariat will revise the initial draft guidance, taking into account the comments provided by Parties and observers, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at the face-to-face segment of its tenth meeting.
3. The invitation for comments on the initial draft guidance on a standardized approach to developing inventories of PCB is summarized below:

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Initial deadline	Extended/new deadline
Draft guidance for development of PCB inventories and analysis of PCB	UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/12	Parties Observers	N/A	1 December 2021

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