

## STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

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**Subject: Call for information in follow-up to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (online segment, 26-30 July 2021)**

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At the online segment of its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention adopted decision SC-10/4, on interim programme of work and budget of the Stockholm Convention for 2022, in which it took note of the information on the modalities for the continuation of the intersessional work and processes of the Stockholm Convention emanating from the decisions of the ninth and previous meetings of the Conference of the Parties until new decisions would be adopted at the face-to-face segment of its tenth meeting in 2022 (see document UNEP/CHW.15/INF/69–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/49–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/71).

In line with modalities outlined in the abovementioned document, please find enclosed a summary of the individual invitations to Parties and observers for the provision of information and comments on relevant products in the extended intersessional period leading to the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2022. The information contained in this letter is also available on the Convention's website under: "[Call for information in follow-up to the online segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention](#)".

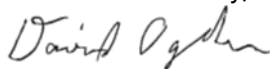
Please note that similar letters have also been sent to Parties and observers to the Basel and Rotterdam conventions as a follow-up to the online segment of the meeting of their respective Conference of the Parties. The invitations for information pertaining to joint issues of the three conventions have been included in each of the individual letters.

The decisions adopted at the online segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties are contained in the annex to the meeting report, which will be made available on the Convention's website: [www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int).

Should you have any queries, please contact Mr. Alain Wittig, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Email: [alain.wittig@un.org](mailto:alain.wittig@un.org); Tel: +41 22 917 82 27).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,



for

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Enc.: Follow-up to the online segment of to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention

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Stockholm Convention National Focal Points  
Members of the Bureau of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention  
Observers admitted to meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention

cc: Representatives of Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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## 1. Election of officers

- As described in document UNEP/SC/COP.10/2 and documents referenced therein, the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting is expected to proceed with various elections, bearing in mind that, during its online segment, the Conference of the Parties extended the terms of office of 17 members of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Committee and elected 10 members of the effectiveness evaluation committee, in accordance with decision SC-10/1 on election of members of subsidiary bodies under the Stockholm Convention.
- As agreed by the Bureau, which was mandated to facilitate, during the intersessional period preceding the 2021 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, the process for nominating candidates for elections with the support of the Secretariat, Parties were initially invited to transmit, by 19 April 2021, the names of candidates for elections. Given that the election of 17 members of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC) and of the 10 officers of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention was deferred to the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2022, this deadline is extended to **1 March 2022**. This will also allow for further consultations on the matter to be facilitated by the respective regional focal points for election matters in advance of and during the regional preparatory meetings expected to be held in advance of the face-to-face-segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- The invitation for nomination of candidates in relation to the elections to take place during the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2022 is summarized below:

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Initial deadline	Extended/new deadline
Invitation to transmit the names of 10 candidates for election as officers of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties	UNEP/SC/COP.10/2 and UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/3	Parties	19 April 2021	<b>1 March 2022</b>
Invitation to transmit the names and required supporting documentation of 17 candidates for appointment as members of the POPRC	UNEP/POPS/COP.10/11 and UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/3	State Parties	19 April 2021	<b>1 March 2022</b>

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## 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	<b>1 December 2021</b>

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### 3. Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production

1. As is described in the note by the Secretariat on best available techniques and best environmental practices (UNEP/POPS/COP.10/8), the experts on best available techniques and best environmental practices, among other things, developed an initial draft guidance on the identification and management of sites contaminated with persistent organic pollutants, as set out in document UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/67, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting. The draft guidance is available on the Convention's website, at: <http://chm.pops.int/?tabid=8779>.
2. Given that the above issue is to be considered by the Conference of the Parties during the face-to-face segment of its tenth meeting, Parties and observers are invited to provide comments on the above-mentioned draft guidance by the extended deadline of **1 December 2021**. The comments received by that deadline will be made available on the Convention's website for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its face-to-face segment.
3. The above-mentioned invitation is summarized below:

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Initial deadline	Extended/ new deadline
Draft guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for the management of sites contaminated with persistent organic pollutants	UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/67	Parties Observers	N/A	<b>1 December 2021</b>

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#### 4. Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C to the Convention

- As described in the note by the Secretariat on the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee: developments for action by the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/POPS/COP.10/11), the Committee decided to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that it consider listing perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds in Annex A without specific exemptions. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 21 of the Convention, on 15 December 2020, more than six months before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat communicated the recommendation to the Parties and signatories to the Convention and, for information, to the depositary. To facilitate discussions at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Parties were invited to submit to the Secretariat any comments relating to the recommendation on the listing of the above chemicals by 17 March 2021.
- Given that the above recommendation is to be considered by the Conference of the Parties during its face-to-face segment, the deadline for providing comments in response to this invitation is extended to **14 January 2022**. A compilation of submissions by Parties relating to the recommendations will be made available in document UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/27.
- The invitation for comments in relation to the recommendation from the Persistent Organic Pollutants Committee for amending Annexes A, B and/or C to the Stockholm Convention is summarized below:

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Initial deadline	Extended/ new deadline
Recommendation from the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee for amending Annexes A, B and/or C to the Stockholm Convention	UNEP/POPS/COP.10/12	Parties	17 March 2021	<b>14 January 2022</b>

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## 5. Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

1. As is mentioned in the note by the Secretariat on synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes (UNEP/CHW.15/24–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/20–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/24), the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions requested the Secretariat to develop, taking into account lessons learned from experience with the Basel Convention, a draft form and explanatory document to enable Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to voluntarily provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of those conventions, for comments by Parties. The Secretariat made available to Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions draft forms for cases of trade occurring in contravention of those conventions with an invitation to provide comments by 15 January 2020.
2. Given that the above issue is to be considered by the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions during their face-to-face segment in 2022, the deadline for providing comments in response to this invitation is extended to **15 November 2021**. The information submitted by Parties will be available on the Conventions' website.
3. The above-mentioned invitation is summarized below:

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Initial deadline	Extended/ new deadline
"Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes" - draft form and explanatory document to enable Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to voluntarily provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of those conventions	Communication by the Secretariat dated 15 December 2020 <sup>1</sup>	Parties	15 January 2020	<b>15 November 2021</b>

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<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.pic.int/TheConvention/Communications/tabid/3464/language/en-US/Default.aspx> and <http://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/Communications/tabid/3391/Default.aspx>.

## 6. From science to action

1. As is mentioned in the note by the Secretariat on “From science to action” (UNEP/CHW.15/25–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/21–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/25), in paragraph 4 of decisions BC-14/25, RC-9/13 and SC-9/23, the conferences of the Parties, among other things, invited Parties and others to submit to the Secretariat, by 30 November 2020, information on action being undertaken to promote the implementation of the road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions.<sup>1</sup>
2. Given that the above issue is to be considered by the conferences of the Parties during their face-to-face segment in 2022, Parties and others are invited to submit information described in paragraph 1 above by the extended deadline of **14 January 2022**. The information submitted by Parties and others will be compiled in annex II to document UNEP/CHW.15/INF/49–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/36–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/54.
3. The above-mentioned invitation is summarized below:

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Initial deadline	Extended/ new deadline
“From science to action” - information on action being undertaken to promote the implementation of the road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions	UNEP/CHW.15/25 – UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/21– UNEP/POPS/COP.10/25	Parties Others	30 November 2020	<b>14 January 2022</b>

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW.14/INF/40–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/INF/35–UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/44.