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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 (face-to-face segment, 6-17 June 2022)

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At the face-to-face segment of its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention adopted a number of decisions that invited Parties and others to provide information. The full set of decisions adopted at the meeting is contained in annex I to the meeting report, which will be made available on the Stockholm Convention website in due course: www.pops.int. To facilitate responses to the various invitations for information, please find enclosed a summary of the individual decisions that contain such invitations. Please bear in mind that this letter does not reflect the full set of decisions.

The information set out in this letter is also available on the Convention's website under: "[Call for information and follow-up to the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention](#)".

Please note that similar letters will also be sent to Parties and observers to the Basel and Rotterdam conventions as a follow-up to the face-to-face segments of the fifteenth and tenth meetings of their respective conferences of the Parties. The invitations for information pertaining to joint issues of the three conventions have been included in each of the individual letters.

Should you have any queries, please contact Mr. David Ogden, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Email: david.ogden@un.org; Tel: +41 (0) 22 917 81 90).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,

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Rolph Payet
Executive Secretary

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

To: Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points
Stockholm Convention National Focal Points
Members of the Bureau of the eleventh 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

Follow-up to the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention

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1. Exemptions

Decision: SC-10/5: Exemptions

Background:

In decision SC-10/5, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, reminded Parties wishing to register for specific exemptions and acceptable purposes, articles in use and closed-system site-limited intermediates to notify the Secretariat. The Conference of the Parties also invited Parties and others to provide information on short-chain chlorinated paraffins and decabromodiphenyl ether.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties wishing to register for specific exemptions or acceptable purposes that are currently available or provide notifications of chemicals occurring as constituents of articles or of the production and use of chemicals as closed system site-limited intermediates to notify the Secretariat. Note that in particular for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins, Parties that have identified the need to produce or use those chemicals are urged to register for specific exemptions as specified in Annex A and in accordance with Article 4 of the Convention; and to provide, if applicable, notifications of chemicals occurring as constituents of articles in accordance with note (ii) of Annex A to the Convention.	Parties	Please use the notification forms available on the Convention website ¹ .	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information as soon as possible.
(b)	Parties to share information on suitable alternative substances or processes to substitute the use of short-chain chlorinated paraffins and decabromodiphenyl ether.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information as soon as possible.
(c)	Parties and observers to provide to the Secretariat information on the composition of commercial chlorinated paraffins that include homologues with C ₁₀ –C ₁₃ chain length.	Parties and observers	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 August 2022
(d)	Parties listed in the register for specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether to provide to the Secretariat additional information to justify the need for	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 August 2022

¹ See <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/4646/Default.aspx> and <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/4647/Default.aspx>.

	<p>the registration of such exemptions, including on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Production; (b) Uses; (c) Efficacy and efficiency of possible control measures; (d) Information on the availability, suitability and implementation of alternatives; (e) Status of control and monitoring capacity; (f) Any control actions taken at the national or regional levels. 			
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2. DDT

Decision: SC-10/6: DDT

Background:

By decision SC-10/6, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, noted that the global use of DDT for disease vector control continued to decline and that countries currently using DDT for disease vector control had a target date of 2030 for malaria elimination. The Conference of the Parties invited the 18 Parties currently included in the register of acceptable purposes for DDT to review their needs regarding the use of DDT and to transmit a revised notification adjusted to the present needs or withdraw from the register by 31 December 2022.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
	Parties currently included in the register of acceptable purposes for DDT to review their needs regarding the use of DDT and to transmit a revised notification adjusted to the present needs or withdraw from the register.	Botswana, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, India, Madagascar, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Uganda, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe	31 December 2022

Contact persons:

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3. Polychlorinated biphenyls

Decision: SC-10/7: Polychlorinated biphenyls

Background:

By decision SC-10/7, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, took note of the draft guidance on a standardized approach to developing inventories of polychlorinated biphenyls, and invited Parties and observers to provide comments on the draft guidance by 30 November 2022. The Conference of the Parties also urged Parties to provide information on progress in eliminating polychlorinated biphenyls in their fifth national reports to be submitted, pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention, by 31 August 2022.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Document symbol / method of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are to provide comments on the draft guidance on a standardized approach to developing inventories of polychlorinated biphenyls.	Parties and observers	UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/12/Rev.1	30 November 2022
(b)	Parties to provide information on progress in eliminating polychlorinated biphenyls in their fifth national reports to be submitted pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention.	Parties	Electronic reporting system of the Stockholm Convention, available on the Convention website. ²	31 August 2022

Contact person:

Ms. Kei Ohno, email: kei.ohno@un.org.

² <http://chm.pops.int/Countries/Reporting/ElectronicReportingSystem/tabid/3669/Default.aspx>.

4. Evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention

Decision: SC-10/8: Evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention

Background:

By decision SC-10/8, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, decided to undertake an evaluation of the progress that Parties have made towards eliminating brominated diphenyl ethers contained in articles and a review of the continued need for specific exemptions for those chemicals at its twelfth meeting, in accordance with the process set out in the annex to decision SC-6/3 and the schedule set out in the annex to decision SC-10/8. The Conference of the Parties furthermore urged Parties currently registered for specific exemptions for the use of brominated diphenyl ethers to review their continued need for such registration and to make the resulting information available to the Secretariat to facilitate the evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadlines for submission
	<p>Parties to submit information using the format for the submission of information for the evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision SC-7/4.</p> <p>Parties currently registered for specific exemptions for the use of brominated diphenyl ethers to review their continued need for such registration and to make the resulting information available to the Secretariat.</p>	Parties	Electronic questionnaire to be made available to Parties in 2023	December 2023

Contact person:

Ms. Melisa Lim, email: melisa.lim@un.org.

5. Guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices

Decision: SC-10/9: Guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices

Background:

By decision SC-10/9, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, encouraged Parties and others to use the guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices when applying measures to minimize and ultimately eliminate releases of the chemicals listed in Annex A or B, and/or C to the Convention, and to provide feedback on their usefulness. The Conference of the Parties also invited Parties and others with relevant expertise to nominate experts to the joint Toolkit and best available techniques and best environmental practices expert roster, and to contribute to the further review and update of the guidelines and guidance, in accordance with the workplan referred to in paragraph 4 of decision SC-10/9, by submitting new relevant technical information and information on the successful application of best available techniques and best environmental practices relevant to the chemicals listed in Annex A or B, and/or C to the Convention. The Conference of the Parties furthermore encouraged Parties to report on estimated releases of dioxins and furans under Article 15 of the Convention.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and others are encouraged to provide feedback on the usefulness of the guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices ³ .	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information whenever possible.
(b)	Parties and others with relevant expertise are invited to nominate experts to the joint Toolkit and best available techniques and best environmental practices expert roster and participate actively in the review and updating process.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	The joint Toolkit and BAT and BEP expert roster is open for nominations at all times.
(c)	Parties and others with relevant expertise are invited to contribute to the further review and update of the guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices, in accordance with the workplan referred to in paragraph 4 of decision SC-10/9, by submitting new relevant technical information and information on the successful application of best available techniques and best environmental practices relevant to the chemicals listed in Annex A or B, and/or C to the Convention.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	In accordance with the workplan referred to in paragraph 4 of decision SC-10/9 by 15 September 2022 on draft guidelines and guidance to be made available on the Convention website by 15 August 2022.
(d)	Parties are encouraged to develop source inventories and release estimates of dioxins and furans and to report the estimated releases under Article 15 of the Convention.	Parties	Electronic reporting system of the Stockholm Convention, available on the	31 August 2022

³ <http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/BATandBEP/Guidance/Overview/tabid/5121/Default.aspx>.

			Convention website. ⁴	
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Contact person:

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⁴ <http://chm.pops.int/Countries/Reporting/ElectronicReportingSystem/tabid/3669/Default.aspx>.

6. Implementation plans

Decision: SC-10/11: Implementation plans

Background:

By decision SC-10/11, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, took note of the revised guidance on developing and updating national implementation plans for the Stockholm Convention and the draft guidance prepared by the Secretariat and invited Parties and observers to provide comments on the guidance. The Conference of the Parties also took note of the progress in the development of the electronic templates for the reporting of quantitative and qualitative information contained in national implementation plans in a manner harmonized with the reporting under Article 15 and invited Parties to submit comments on the templates.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Document reference	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to provide comments on the guidance on developing and updating national implementation plans for the Stockholm Convention and the draft guidance prepared by the Secretariat.	Parties and observers	Guidance on developing and updating national implementation plans: www.pops.int/Implementation/NationalImplementationPlans/Guidance/tabid/7730/Default.aspx. Draft guidance prepared by the Secretariat: UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/22, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/23, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/24, UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/25 and UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/55	31 October 2022
(b)	Parties are invited to submit comments on the electronic templates for the reporting of quantitative and qualitative information contained in national implementation plans.	Parties	A link will be made available in September 2022.	31 October 2022

Contact person:

Ms. Kei Ohno, email: kei.ohno@un.org.

7. Operation of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

Decision: SC-10/12: Operation of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

Background:

By decision SC-10/12, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, encouraged Parties and observers to submit the information requested by the Committee, recognizing that increased participation will contribute to the comprehensiveness of the work undertaken, and to support the Committee in the preparation of its recommendations. The Conference of the Parties also invited Parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat any further information regarding the identification of substances covered by the listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds so that the information can be considered when the indicative list of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds is further updated pursuant to paragraph 9 of decision SC-9/13.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
	Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat any further information regarding the identification of substances covered by the listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds.	Parties and observers	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information whenever possible.

Contact person:

Ms. Kei Ohno, email: kei.ohno@un.org.

8. Financial mechanism

Decision: SC-10/16: Financial mechanism

Background:

In its decision SC-10/16, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, invited developed-country Parties and other Parties, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention, to provide to the Secretariat information on ways in which they can provide support, including financial resources, for the implementation of the Convention, including information on access to such support.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Developed-country Parties are invited, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention, to provide to the Secretariat information on ways in which they can provide support, including new and additional financial resources, for the implementation of the Convention, including information on access to such support.	Developed-country Parties	An online questionnaire will be made available to enable responses to this request.	31 August 2022
(b)	Other Parties are invited, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention, to provide information on ways in which they can provide support, including financial resources, in accordance with their capabilities, for the implementation of the Convention, including information on access to such support.	Other Parties	An online questionnaire will be made available to enable responses to this request.	31 August 2022
(c)	Other sources, including relevant funding institutions, such as development banks and the private sector, are invited, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention, to provide information on ways in which they can provide contributions to the implementation of the Convention, including information on access to such contributions.	Other sources, including relevant funding institutions, such as development banks and the private sector	An online questionnaire will be made available to enable responses to this request.	31 August 2022
(d)	Countries and others in a position to do so, United Nations entities and intergovernmental organizations, other bilateral and multilateral institutions, and non-governmental organizations and private sources are strongly encouraged to provide complementary support for the elimination of the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment by 2025 and for the environmentally sound waste management of liquids containing	Countries and others in a position to do so, United Nations entities and intergovernmental organizations, other bilateral and multilateral institutions, and non-governmental organizations and private sources	Should your country or entity wish to make a contribution please approach the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	Continuing

	polychlorinated biphenyls and equipment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls having a content above 0.005 per cent as soon as possible and no later than 2028			
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Contact person:

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9. Reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention

Decision: SC-10/17: Reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention

Background:

By decision SC-10/17, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, urged Parties to submit their fifth national report to the Secretariat by 31 August 2022, as complete as possible and on time, in order to facilitate subsequent evaluations of the effectiveness of the Convention and of other processes that rely on national reporting data.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadlines for submission
	Parties to submit their fifth national report as complete as possible and on time.	Parties	Electronic reporting system of the Stockholm Convention, available on the Convention website. ⁵	31 August 2022

Contact person:

Ms. Carla Valle-Klann, email: carla.valle@un.org.

⁵ <http://chm.pops.int/Countries/Reporting/ElectronicReportingSystem/tabid/3669/Default.aspx>.

10. Global monitoring plan for effectiveness evaluation

Decision: SC-10/19: Global monitoring plan for effectiveness evaluation

Background:

By decision SC-10/19, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, welcomed the updated guidance on the global monitoring plan and encouraged Parties to use the guidance and provide comments on their experience in doing so to the Secretariat through the regional organization groups.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Document symbol	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
	Parties are encouraged to use the updated guidance on the global monitoring plan and provide comments on their experience in doing so to the Secretariat.	UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/42	Parties	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit comments whenever possible.

Contact person:

Ms. Kei Ohno; email: kei.ohno@un.org.

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

Decisions: BC-15/27, RC-10/13 and SC-10/23: Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Background:

In part I of the abovementioned decisions, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, among other things, adopted the form to enable Parties to the Convention to voluntarily provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of the Convention and encouraged Parties to provide information about such cases of trade using the adopted form.

In part III of those decisions, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions invited Parties to the three conventions to provide best practices for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the conventions, including the texts of any measures that have been adopted by them for that purpose.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties to the Stockholm Convention are encouraged to provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of the Stockholm Convention;	Parties	Please submit information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of the Convention using the prescribed form ⁶	As appropriate
(b)	Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are invited to provide best practices for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including the texts of any measures that have been adopted by them for that purpose.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below	As appropriate

Contact person:

Ms. Tatiana Terekhova, email: tatiana.terekhova@un.org.

⁶UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/32–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/52.

12. Dates and venue of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Decisions: BC-15/29, RC-10/15 and SC-10/25: Dates and venue of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Background:

In the above-mentioned decisions, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, among other things, invited Parties to the conventions to submit offers to host the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, if possible by 1 March 2023, for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2023.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
Parties to submit offers to host the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2023.	Parties	1 March 2023

Contact person:

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