

### **3. Polychlorinated biphenyls**

**Decision:** SC-11/3: Polychlorinated biphenyls

**Background:**

The Conference of the Parties decided to undertake, at its thirteenth meeting, a review of progress towards the elimination of polychlorinated biphenyls in accordance with paragraph (h) of part II of Annex A to the Convention.

The Conference of the Parties also decided to re-establish a small intersessional working group, working by electronic means and, subject to the availability of resources, through face-to-face meetings, to assist the Secretariat.

**Follow-up:**

	<b>Call for information</b>	<b>Respondents</b>	<b>Deadlines for submission</b>
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to provide comments on the guidance for the development of inventories of polychlorinated biphenyls and analysis of polychlorinated biphenyls; <sup>2</sup> the draft strategy for Parties to meet the 2025 and 2028 goals of the Stockholm Convention; <sup>3</sup> and other guidance relevant to polychlorinated biphenyls available under the Stockholm Convention <sup>4</sup>	Parties Observers	31 October 2023
(b)	Parties are urged to report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures they have taken to implement part II of Annex A to the Convention, including quantitative information on polychlorinated biphenyls, in their national reports pursuant to Article 15	Parties	As soon as possible if not yet reported in the fifth national report pursuant to Article 15.
(c)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead country of the small intersessional working group and to inform the Secretariat accordingly	Parties	31 August 2023
(d)	Parties and observers are invited to nominate experts, taking due consideration of regional and gender balance and of relevant expertise, to participate in the small intersessional working group	Parties Observers	31 August 2023

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<sup>2</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/12.

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/13.

<sup>4</sup> <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/665>.